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March 4th 1773 (1)

At a Meeting of a Company of Gentlemen on a Design to Constitute a fire Club it was Voted

1st That Mr James Swan be Moderator of the same Meeting

2d That Mr Perez Morton be Clerk of the same During one Evening

3d That Capt Elisha Thatcher be one of this Club

4th That a Committee be appointed to draw up articles of agreement for the Club

5th That this Committee consist of seven

6th That Mr Swan, Mr Palmer, Mr Hammatt Mr Grant, Mr Condy, Mr Ingraham, Mr Morton, constitute this Committee

7th That the Club be adjourned to this Evening fortnight

Perez Morton Clerk

At a meeting of the New Fire Club, March 18th 1773 by adjournment

Capt Thatcher Moderator

Voted That James Swan be Clerk for this Evening

2d Unanimously that the Eighteen Articles with the Motto, Name & Preamble, as they now stand, are agreable to this Club

3d That Mr Morton make a fair Copy thereof, fit for the Press, & Present them to the Members at the next adjournment

4th That a Book in Large Quarto be Procured for Recording the Transactions of the Society

th 5 That said Book be Purchased of Mr Condy

th 6 That a Committee of three be appointed to Enquire where the Bucketts can be got Cheapest

th 7 That Mr Pitts ----
Mr Grant
Mr Hammatt } make this Committee

th 8 That this Meeting be adjourned 'till Tuesday next, then to meet Precisely at half after 6 O'Clock in the Evening James Swan Clerk

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At a Meeting of the New Fire Club March 23d 1773, by adjournment Mr Osgood Moderator

th 1 Voted That James Swan shall be Clerk for this Evening

The Meeting Referr'd Mr Morton's giving a Clear Copy of the articles &c to the next Meeting

The Book Voted last meeting is Order'd to be exhibited at the next

The Committee reported that the Bucketts could be made at 18/8 Lawfull Money p Pair

2 Voted that such of the members as need Bucketts shall have them made by Peter Rose

3 That Capt Samuel Barrett make all the Bags for the members of this Club

th 4 That Tho's & Jos Dakin make the Screw Keys for the members of this Club

th 5 Unanimously that Mr John Boyles Printer be a member of this Club

th 6 Voted Nem: Con: that Mr Adam Colson be a member of this Club

th 7 That this Meeting be adjourned 'till Thursday Evening Next at 1/2 past 6 O'Clock James Swan Clerk

In Angustiis Amici.

RULES and ORDERS for the RELIEF-SOCIETY, instituted at BOSTON, March 5th Anno Domini 1773.

We, whose Names are hereto affixed, impressed with a due Sense of Social Duty, as it is connected with that first Law of Nature, Self-Preservation; and considering the frequent Visitations of Providence with that capital Calamity FIRE, do, for the more effectual Assistance of each other in such Times of Danger, hereby form ourselves into a Society, & promise each to the whole, a strict Observance of the following Articles.

1st This Society shall consist of a Number not exceeding Thirty; and shall meet Quarterly, Viz.t on every first Thursday Evening of March, June, September & December at such Place as the Clerk shall be pleased to appoint.

2d For the Preservation of Order & Decency, a Moderator shall be chosen at every Meeting by Ballot; and if any Member has any thing to offer to the Consideration of the Society, relative to the Affairs thereof, he shall address the Moderator.

3d A List of all the Members shall be called over by the Clerk at 7 o'Clock P. M. at each Meeting in March & December, and at 8 o'Clock in June & September, and if any Member is absent at the Call of his Name, he shall pay a fine of one Shilling L. M. and if absent the whole Evening, four Shillings.

4th

4th Each Member shall constantly keep in some convenient Part of his Dwelling, two Leather Buckets, in which shall be two Bags, each Bag one & an half Yard in Length, & three Quarters of a Yard in Breadth; both Buckets & Bags to be marked with the Owner's Sir-Name at length, & his Christian-Name as convenience may require, and a Bed Key, all in good Order under a Penalty of ten Shillings for each; and if it appears, that either Buckets or Bags have been put to any other Use, than removing Goods at the Time of Fire, the Owner shall be liable to the same Penalty.

5th A Clerk shall be chosen every March Meeting, whose Duty it is, to keep a fair Record of all the Business of the Society; to demand & receive Fines; to take Care that every Member be notified of each quarterly Meeting, at least two Days before the same, by having, or causing to be left, a dated Ticket, which shall be engraved for that Purpose, & by him filled up, at their respective Dwellings; with what Money is due to the Society from such Member minuted on his Ticket, and the Names of any Persons that may be proposed for Admission, under the following Penalties Viz: for neglecting to keep a fair Record of the Transactions of the Society, twenty Shillings; for neglecting to inspect the Buckets five Shillings; for neglecting to demand the Fines due from any Member, at least once a Quarter, four Shillings, for each Member so neglected. The Clerk to continue in Office one Year at the Expiration of which, he shall deliver to his Successor all the Books Papers & Stock belonging to the Society... The Choice of the Clerk to be thus, Every Member, who has not served before, or paid his Fine for not serving, shall draw a Lot, and whoever draws the Lot No 1. shall serve in that Office, or be liable to a fine of twelve Shillings, & the Choice renewed till one be found to serve. The Clerk's Club shall be paid by the Society for his Care and Trouble.

6th The Clerk shall have Power to call a special Meeting when he judges necessary, or upon Application by six Members in Writing, & the Clerk & each Member shall be liable to the same Fines

as at quarterly Meetings.

7th. A Treasurer to this Society shall be chosen by Ballot every Each Meeting, & shall receive of the Clerk all the Monies that may be due for Fines &c, or which may be given to the Use of this Society: And when such Sums so collected shall amount to twenty Pounds £20, he shall place the same at Interest in the Hands of some responsible Person, who must find two substantial Bondsmen; and the Bond shall be taken in his Name for the Behoof of the Society.

8th. For the better knowing, & being well acquainted with each others Houses, Shops & Stores with the Streets, Lanes or Avenues there to, the Clerk shall notify four Members in their turn, one day at least before every Meeting, who shall go & examine the Buckets, Bags &c of each Member respectively, and report the same at the next Meeting; and any of this Society refusing to attend the Clerk, upon seasonable Notice, shall pay a fine of four Shillings.

9th. In Order that we may know one another there shall be a mutual Word, which shall continue 'till it shall please this Society, (in their great Wisdom) to alter it: and every Member shall whisper the same at every Meeting, when challenged by the Clerk, or at any other time, if challenged by a Member under a Mulct of one Shilling & six pence, and if any Member shall reveal the Watch Word, he shall be liable to a Fine of twenty Shillings.

10th. In notice of Fire, every Member shall immediately repair with his Buckets & Bags to the dwelling House, Warehouse or Shop of any other Member of this Society most in danger, & use his best Endeavors: by Direction of the Person in danger, if present, to remove & secure all his Goods, and return them as soon as it convenient, with Safety, under Penalty of what the Society shall think fit to determine.

11th If any Member of this Society shall lose his Buckets or Bags in Time of Fire, his Loss shall be repaired by the Society; provided he shall make Report of it to the Clerk within a Week after it happens, & then (at his own Expence) will have them cried in every Part of the Town by the Common Crier. ———

12th Every Member shall keep a printed Copy of these Articles with each & every of the Members Names, Places of their Dwellings, Stores, Shops &c for which he shall pay the Clerk five Shillings, and in Case they be lost or worn out, he shall apply to the Clerk (paying as aforesaid) & have new Ones; and every Member who does not produce his printed Articles at each Meeting shall pay one Shilling & six Pence. ———

13th When any Member removes to any other Dwelling, Store or Shop, he shall inform the Clerk thereof, within a Week after, under Penalty of one Shilling; and the Clerk shall insert the same in the next Notification: and each Member shall confirm his Articles thereto, & produce the same compleat at the next Meeting, under Penalty of one Shilling.

14th For the further Benefit of this Society, each Member shall, at every quarterly Meeting deposit the Sum of one Shilling & sixpence L.M^y into the Hands of the Clerk for the Good of the Whole. ———

15th Any Member, who will not regularly submit to his Fines also the one shilling & six pence last mentioned, or who shall absent himself four Meetings successively, without sufficient Excuse) shall be deemed as quitting the Society, and shall not be admitted again, without the usual Ceremonies of Election. ———

16th Provided any Member shall by Fire be reduced in his Circumstances, he shall apply to the Society in Writing setting forth the Nature of his Case, and the Society shall give him what a Majority shall agree to. ———

17th No Person shall be invited to the Society's Meetings, who is not a Member; nor any Person be admitted as a Member, unless by an unanimous Vote of the Society. Absent

Members

sealed up.

18. Whenever any Dispute shall arise, relative to the Business of the Society, the same shall be determined by a Majority of Votes of the Members then present.

Finis.

John H. Osgood.	Charter Street	Shipyard Lyn Street
Jam[s] Swan	King street	Treat & Spear's Wharves.
John Boyle	Marlborough Street	Marlborough Street
Sam[l] Gore	Queen Street	Do. Do.
Eben[r] Oliver	Marlborough Street	do.
Duncan Ingraham Jun[r]	Kingstreet.	Union Street
Thos Grant	Union Street	Union Street
Benj[a] Hammatt Jun[r]	Scotts Court,	Store Greens Wharff
Peter Morton	Newbury Street,	
Adam Colson	Orange Street	
Elisha Hatch	Back Street.	
James Foster Cony	Union Street	Union Street
Joseph P. Palmer	Chardon's Lane	Merchants Row
Lendall Pitts	Southacks Court	Pitts's Wharff
David Sears	Liberty Tree	Liberty Tree
James Pitson jun[r]	School Street. N End	
Step[n] Bruce		
Benj[a] Wormell	Swen Star Lane	
Abraham Hunt	Queen Street	old Brick Cellar
Daniel Bell	Ann Street	End Faneuil Hall
Amos Windship	Ann Street.	
W Robinson	Long Acre near the Common	
Benj[a] Hichborn	State Street,	office opposite State House
Sam[l] Austin		

Dpe Natt Peirce — State Square — opposite Fan. Hall
Dish. John Barrett — near the Mill Bridge — near the Mill Bridge
Dum. William Shattuck — Queen Street — State Street
Dish. John Jenno — Common Street — Dock Square
Dish. Elisha Sigourney
Dish. Israel Keith — Union Street — State Street
Dum. Andw. Brimmer — Balls Alley — Cornhill
Dum. Jos Green
Dish. N. W. Appleton — deceased — School Street
Dish. John Shattuck — Court
Dum. Nathan Tyler — Court
Dum. Samuel Greenough — Mill
Dum. Benj. Austin Jr. — Sudbury Street
Dum. [illegible] Cobb — Court Street
Dum. Jos. Head
Dum. Jos. Coolidge — Union Street
Dum. [illegible] — Cold Lane
Dum. Ebenezer Battelle — Green Street
Dum. Thos Pole — James Smith
William Shaw
Dum. [illegible] Hondy
William Bradish
Dum. Benj. Gorham
Nath. Greenough
Dum. John Simpkins — Jn. Webb Stockbridge
Rob. Williams Jur — Jos. Bellamy
Dum. Benj. Gorham Jr.
Dum. Alex. S. Tilden — Hollis — Washington Street

Com. Ed. Mc. 13 Lake Inf.

Com. Sandford Smith

Obadiah Thayer

J. F. Keeper

Brevet Maj. [illegible] et Blac[illegible]

Obadiah Wright

R. Lyshaw

Thomas Austin

Jas. Bullard

Edwards Alexander

Wm. Hyndman

Joseph Aiken

Jno. C. Lyles

Cyrus Perkins

Thos. Marshall

March 25th 1773

At a meeting (by adjournment) of the Relief Society

Voted 1st That Duncan Ingraham be Clerk for the Evening

2d That Mr Moses Grant be Moderator for the Evening

3 by Ballot, according to the article 2d That Capt Charles Ackworth be Clerk to the Society for the Present year, he being absent is Charged with his Fine 12/ and the Choice revived

4th That Mr Adam Colson be Clerk to this Society having been Chose by Lot N1 according to the article N 3

5th That Mr John Boyles Print the articles.

6th That Mr John Boyles Print Two hundred Copyies

7th That Mr Paul Revere Cut the Plate for the Tickets

8th That Mr Revere Cut a Plate with the Motto & Decorated for the Top of the articles

9th That a Committee of three be Chosen to wait on Mr Revere to know his Price for Engraving the above Plates and Report next meeting

10th That Mr Ingraham, Mr Grant, Mr Condy } be of this Committee

11th That Mr Perez Morton wait on Mr Colson and inform him the Transactions of the Evening and his being Chose Clerk and report at next adjournment

12th That Mr Samuel Gore be put up for admission

13th That Mr Gore by Unanimous Vote be a member of this Society

14th That each and every of the members be furnished with Buckets, bags & Compleat by the Quarterly meetings in June

(8th)
15 That a Committee of one be Chose to wait on
Mr Gore and acquaint him that by Unanimous
Vote he is a member
th
16 That Mr Ingraham wait on Mr Gore
th
17 That a Committee of one be Chose to write Notifications
to all the members desireing their attendance
at the next adjournment
th
18 That Mr Ingraham write them
th
19 That Mr Ingraham wait on Mr Swan & charge
him with Neglect of his Duty in not Procuring
the Book Voted for, & desire him to procure it by
the Next adjournment
th
20 That the Thanks of this meeting be given to
Mr Grant (the Moderator) for his Care the
Evening
st
21 That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to
Mr Ingraham (Clerk) for his Care the Evening
d
22 That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday the
1st of April Next 9 o'Clock

Duncan Ingraham Clk

At a meeting (by adjournment) of the
Members of the Relief Society Boston 1st April 1773

Mr John Osgood Moderator

Voted 1st That James Swan be Clerk for the Evening

2 A re-consideration of the 2d Vote in the Minutes of the meeting, the 18th Ult.o/

3 That the articles, as they now stand with the amendments & alterations made this night, are agreable to this Club

Mr Morton, according to a Vote of the last meeting Reported, that he had waited upon Mr Colston and acquainted him of his having been appointed Clerk by the number 1 being Drawn in his name and Mr Colston being now present, Resigned acting in that office, and Desires to pay his fine

1st 1 That Mr Lendal Pitts be Clerk to this Club for the Year he having Drawn Lot N1: but Refused accepting so stands Charged with 12/ Lm/

1st 5 That Capt Thatcher be Clerk to this Club according to Lot N1: but as he is absent the Clerk is to Charge him with the fine of 12/

1st 6 That Mr Stephen Bruce be Clerk this Current Year but having refusd, he is Charged with 12/

1st 7 That Mr Tilestone by Lot N1 be Clerk to this Society, for a Twelve month he being absent is Charged with 12/

1st 8 That Mr John Tyler (by his Drawing Lot N1, after the choice was renewd) be Clerk to this Society from & after this Evening till next march meeting

Voted 9th That Mr Moses Grant be Treasurer to this Society for one Year commencing from march last

10th That the Names, Places of abode, & Stores be inserted in 50 Copies of the Printed articles 100 with the Names only and 50 blank in the Place where Names Stores &c should be inserted

11th That a Committee be appointed to invent, plan scheme & provide a notification to be engraved

12th That this Committee consist of five — Viz.t

Mr Morton
Mr Swan
Mr Hammatt
} Mr Ingraham
Mr Bruce

13th That Mr Boyles be desired to advise with the Committee, respecting the plate to be placed upon the articles

14th That Mr Gore paint the Buckets for this Society

15th That a Committee wait upon the Makers of the Bags, Bucketts & Keys to desire them to make as many of each as may be judg'd wanting

16th That it consist of three Viz.t

Mr Ingraham, Mr Swan & Mr Grant

17th That the same Committee that Plans the Notification, give instructions as to Painting the Bucketts

18th That the Payment of the former Committees expences as p Account presented by the Clerk & Mr Swan be adjourned to June meeting

Att James Swan Clerk

At the Quarterly meeting of the Relief Society

June 2 1773

1st Voted That Capt Thatcher be moderator for this Evening

2 That Mr Osgood's Fine for not having his Bucketts & bags in Order be remitted

3 That Mr Pitts's Bucketts & bags be in Order within 3 Weaks or he stand Charged with his fine

4th That a Committee be appointed to Inspect them

5th That this Committee Consist of three viz^t Mr Morton Mr Tyler & Mr Palmer

6th That Mr Grant's Fine for not having his Bucketts & bags in Order be remitted

7th That the several Committees report

That the Committee to Provide Bucketts, Bags & Keys report that having heard some Person of the Society had waited on the bucket-maker they thought it unnecessary to go to him but went to the Bag & Key-makers and accordingly got them made and there now remains on hand 5 p^r of Bucketts 5 p^r of Bags & 5 Keys

8th That several Bucketts Bags & Keys that remain on hand be returned to the makers and there remain till call'd for

9th That the Committee that Engaged the Bucketts Bags & Keys Collect the monies & settle the several acco^ts

10th That the Committee to Provide a Plate for the Notifi-cations &c report

The aforementiond Committee report that they waited on Mr Revere and fixed on a Design for Plates for Articles & Tickets, also on Mr Gore for a Design for the Bucketts all which are Compleated

11th That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Several Accts & to assess each member

12th That this Committee Consist of three viz.t Mr Swan Mr Ingraham & Mr Morton

13th That Mr Tyler be excused as a member of this Society The Choice of Clerk being renew'd Mr Hammatt drawing Lot No 1 serves for the Present year —

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Relief Society Sept.r 2d 1773 —

1st Voted that Mr Osgood be Moderator of this Meeting having a majority of Votes

2d That Mr Abraham Hunt be admitted member of this Society

3d That the Clerk's proceedings in Drawing on the Treasurer is agreable to the Society (it being to Discharge Mr Rose's Bill as he was immediately to sail for London and having no time to call a meeting)

4th That the Committee's Accts be agreable

5th That Mr Swan be furnish'd with an Order on the Treasurer for £3.15.5/2 to discharge Accts —

6th That the Clerk wait on Mr Pitts for his finest & report at next meeting

At a meeting of the Relief Society Dec^{r} 2^{d} 1773

Mr Adam Colson was Chosen Moderator

The Clerk reported he waited on Mr Pitts & rec^{d} for Answer he would get Mr Swan to Discharge Arrears and likewise Legs^{l} Dismission

Voted Unanimously that Mr Lendall Pitts be dismiss'd from this Society

Proposed for admission Mr Robert Garland Cranch
Mr Nathaniel Cranch
Mr Caleb Champney

Voted that Mr Colson's Fine be remitted for absence by Sickness

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At a Meeting of the Relief Society March 3^{d} 1774. Mr. Moses Grant (Moderator)

Absent. James F Cundy.
Charles Acutorth
David Sears.

Duncan Ingraham Junr (Chosen Clerk by Coll^{n} 5.
he being absent a motion was made & seconded, that he be waited upon & Informed that he is dignified with the ensigns of that Office & know of him, if he will serve.

Voted. That Mr Swan wait on Mr Ingraham. (ansr Mr I. accepts)
A motion made & seconded that a Committee be chose to examine the Last years accounts & report at next meeting.
Voted. That this Committee consist of three.
Voted - That Messrs Ingraham Junr
Oliver &
J. P. Palmer. be the 3.

Voted That Mr Grant be Treasurer to the Society the ensuing Year.

Mr Champney. (Mess^{rs} Cranch's ballated for & rejected by several Nays.

Mr Daniel Bell propos'd. as desirous of becoming a Member of this Society.

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At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Royal Exchange Tavern Boston - 2d June 1774.

Present at calling the Roll: Benj.a Hammatt jun.r
Ebenezar Oliver,
Abraham Hunt,
Samuel Gore
James Swan.

Mr. Benjamin Hammatt — Modr.

Voted, that the Clerk insert in the original article 5th after the sentence, for neglecting to inspect the buckets five shillings, these words "for neglecting to leave a notifica-tion, six shillings"

Voted unanimously, that Mr. Daniel Bell be a member of this Society.

The Committee appointed to inspect the last years accompts, Reported, that they found them right.

Voted, that the Report is satisfactory.

Voted, that Mr. David Sears by desire be dismissed this Society.

Voted, that the Watch word be altered.

Promiscuous attestor
Jam.s Swan, cl
S. W. Ingraham Clk.

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Royal Exchange Tavern, September 1st 1774.

Mr. Joseph P. Palmer / Moderator

Voted. That the following Addition be made in the 13th Article Viz after the foll'g Sentence. "and the Clerk shall insert the "same in the next Notification" add "under the penalty "of one Shilling for every Notification Neglected".

Duncan Ingraham Just Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society, at the Golden Ball Tavern, Dec.r 1. 1774.

Mr. Moses Grant. Moderator.

Present at Roll call, — Mr. James Foster Condy
Moses Grant
James Swan
Stephen Bruce
Perez Morton
John T. Osgood
John Boyle
Ebenr. Oliver
Samuel Gore
Abraham Hunt
Daniel Bell.

Voted, That the Fines due to this Society from the Estate of Capt. Charles Ackworth lately deceased, be remitted; and that the Widow of said deceased, be desired to return the Buckets, Bags and Screws to the Society.

Voted, That the Clerk be desired to wait upon Mr. Lendall Pitts once more, previous to the next Quarterly Meeting, and demand the Money he owes the Society.

Voted, That this Society meet at 6 o'Clock in the Evening at the Quarterly Meeting in December, and that the Clerk call the Roll at that hour.

Messrs. Amos Winship, Martin Bicker, and William Tudor proposed as desirous of becoming Members of this Society

Attest. John Boyle, Clk.

pro Tempe

At a Meeting of the Relief Society
at the Golden Ball Tavern, 14th February 1775.

Present at Roll Call — Moses Grant
Stephen Bruce
John Boyles
Ebenezar Oliver
Adam Colson
Benj.a Hammatt Jr.
Sam.l Gore
Abraham Hunt
Daniel Bell
Duncan Ingraham junr.

Benj.a Hammatt junr. President.

Voted, that we will dispense with the Quarterly Meeting in March next.

Voted, that we re-consider the above Vote.

Voted, that there be a Committee to examine the Clerks Acct.

Voted, that Daniel Bell,
Perez Morton,
James Swan
} be this Committee.

Voted, that Mr. Ingraham's fine be remitted him, in not inserting Mr. Bell's removal last meeting.

Voted, that James Swan be accepted as a Substitute to serve as Clerk next Meeting.

Voted, that the words "by billet" be inserted in the 13th article, after the words, Clerk thereof, in the 2d line.

Mr. Hammatt having retired,
Voted, that John Boyles be Moderr. the remainder of the Evening.

A motion was made and seconded,

That the Candidates for Members of this Club be Balloted for this Evening.

Voted, that it be adjourned till March meeting.

Mr. Morton withdrawd Mr. Tudor as a candidate.

Mr. Eleazer Callender was propos'd as a candi-
=date for member.

Att: Jam's Swan Subt. Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Relief Society at Cromwells Head Tavern 2d March 1775

Absent at Roll-call

Jos: B Palmer
Duncan Ingraham Jr
John Fisk Osgood
Adam Colson
Benjamin Wormwell
Elisha Thacher
~~Jonxxx Tolcottxx~~

Absent the Evening

Jos: B Palmer
D Ingraham Jr
Benja Wormwell
Elisha Thacher
~~Jonxxx Tolcottxx~~.

Mr Daniel Bell Moderator

Voted Unanimously, that Doct. Enoch Windship be admitted a Member of this Society

Voted Unanimously, that Capt Eleazer Callender be admitted a Member of this Society

Mr. Martin Bicker rejected by several Votes.

Voted, that Daniel Bell wait on Doct. Windship and desire his Company this Evening

Mr Callender not in Town.

~~Voted that Adam Colson be Mod.r Pro Tempe~~

Voted, that the Report of the Committee for Examining Mr Ingrahams Acct be unsatisfactory, the Committee not having examined his Account

Daniel Bell again in the Chair.

Voted, that the Treasurer and Clerk make out their Accots

Accounts, and that a Committee be chosen to examine them, and report at the next meeting.

Voted that this Committee consist of three.

Voted that, Messrs. Bruce
Bell &
Morton } be this Committee

Mr. Moses Grant chosen Treasurer
Mr Ebenezer Oliver Clerk.

Recorded by order of the Society

Dan'l Bell
Benj. Hammatt } Committee

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the American Coffee House June 20th 1776

Present at Roll Call, Joseph Palmer
James Foster Condy
Moses Grant
St. John Bruce
John Boyles
Ebenr Oliver
Adam Collson
Benj. Hammatt Junr
Samuel Gore
Amos Windship

W James Foster Condy Moderator

Voted That there be a Committee chosen to set forth the Reasons why this Society has not met (According to the Articles) for more than One year Past

Voted That W Bruce, Mr Morton & Mr Bell be this Committee

Voted That all Fines which the Members of this Society may Incur for want of Conformity to Articles Established for the Regulating the same, be Remitted them this Evening, On Acco of the Unhappy Confusion of the times which has Unavoidably prevented their meeting as a Society for more than Fifteen Months Last Past

Voted That those Gentlemen who have Lost their Buckets, Bags or Bed screws, have them Replaced at the Expence of this Society

Voted That W Palmer be Moderator for the Remaining part of this Evening

Voted That Ebenr Oliver serve as Clerk for the Ensuing Year

Voted That there be a Committee Chosen to Collect all the papers belonging to this Society & to put the Books in Order

Voted That Mr Bell, Mr Bruce & W Condy be this Committee

Mess.rs Benj.a Hichborn, Nath.l Peirce & Will.m Molineux proposed as desirous of becoming Members of this Society

Attest Ebenr Oliver Clk

At a Meeting of the Belief Society at the American Coffee House Sept. 5. 1776

Present at Roll Call, James Foster Condy
James Swan
Stephen Bruce
Perez Morton
Duncan Ingraham Junr
Jnº Fisk Osgood
John Bogle
Ebenr Oliver
Adam Collson
Samuel Gore
Daniel Bell
Amos Windship

Mr Stephen Bruce, President

Voted Unanimously, That Messrs Benjamin Hichborn, Nathaniel Peirce & William Molineux be Admitted as Mebers of this Society

Voted That there be a Committe Chosen to wait on On the Above Gentlemen & Request their Company to Suppper,

Voted That Messrs Ingrahame, Morton & Swan Be this Committee

Voted That there be a Committee chosen to Examine the Accounts of Mr Ingraham while he was Clerk

Voted That Messrs Bell, Morton & Molineux be this Committee

Voted That all fines be Remitted for Past Neglect

Voted That Mr Joseph D. Palmer by his Desire be Hon.d Excused from being a Member of this Society, it being Inconvenient for him to Attend any Longer

Voted. That the Clerk be Directed to Notify two Members of the Company, and with them On the 26th Instant, to visit each Member's Place of Abode, and Examine their Buckets Bags &c, And on the refusal of said Members to Attend the Clerk, or the Deficiencies of the other Members in their Buckets Bags &c, to be subject to the same fines, as are Provided in like Cases by the Articles

Voted That Messrs Morton, Ingraham & Swan be desired to wait on Messrs Hickborn & Peirce & Molineux desiring them to furnish themselves with Buckets Bags &c, by this day three weeks

Propos'd for Admission Messrs Nath Craft and John Barrett Junr.

Evin Collier Clerk

At a meeting of the Relief Society at the American Coffee House Boston Feb. 5th 1770

Present at Roll Call

James Swan
James Bowdoin
Thos Boylston
Isaac Winslow
Benjn Austin
Jona Mason Jr
Wm Phillips
John Hancock

Adam Collson President

Voted that there be an Amendment in the 6th Article 1st Sect. that instead of the words Unless by ordinance &c to the 2d Article these words be inserted [illegible] Members of the Society

Voted That the Candidates be Voted for—

Voted That Messrs. Nathaniel Craft and John Bancroft be admitted members of this Society

Voted That there be a Committee chosen to wait on the two Gentlemen elected Members to wait upon them

Voted That Messrs. Bruce Morton & Hammatt be the Committee

Voted That Mr Bell be a Committee to Examine Mr Swans Accounts as Clerk for Mr Ingraham and Report this Evening

Mr Bell Reported That Mr Swan produced a Recpt of the Present Clerks for £6. 2. 8. he had Expending Due by his Acct

Voted That the Above Report be Satisfactory to this Society

The Committee Appointed to Examine Mr Ingrahams Accounts while he was Clerk of this Society Report, That Mr Ingrahams Accounts were Signed and Fair & that he paid what Monies he had of the Society into the Hands of Mr Swan —

Voted That the Above Report be Satisfactory

Chas Bruce, Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the American Coffee House March 5th 1801

Present at Roll Call

Moses Grant
James Clarke
Levi Morton
D. Ingraham Jun.
Chas. Bruce
Benj. Whitwell
Sam. Shaw
David Bell
Wm. Phillips Jun.
Wm. Phillips
Wm. Smith
Wm. Martin
Alex. Parcell

Dr. Parcell & Bell. Read

Voted. That Messrs Clarke Ingraham & Shaw be nominated as Members of this Society

Voted That the Chair do appoint a Committee to wait on the above Gentlemen & request their Acceptance

Voted That Messrs Grant Bruce & Watkins be that Committee

Voted That Messrs Parcell & Bell be a Committee to receive & collect the Subscriptions of the Members of this Society

Voted That there be a Committee chosen to procure Books & Stationary necessary for the use of this Society

Voted That Messrs Bruce Shaw & Morton be that Committee

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the American Coffee House June 6. 1795

Present at Roll Call

James Swan
Jn° F. Rogers
Adam Seaver
Benj° Hammatt
Samuel Parr
Daniel Shaw
Amos Binney
Benj° Hitchborn
Jn° Darrell
Elisha Sigourney
Richard Walker

Mr James Swan President

Voted That the Report of the Committee of last meeting be Accepted

Voted That Mr Bell's Offer to serve as Clerk in the Room of Mr Boyle be Accepted

Voted That the Old Committee be a Committee to Examine the Treasurer & Clerk's Accounts and make Report at the Next Meeting

Voted That Mr Molineux by his Request be Dismiss'd from this Society

Mr James Prevant as Candidate ... by Mr Peirce who Propos'd him

Elect'd Oliver Gr.

(26) At a Meeting of the Belief Society at the American Coffee House Sept. 4. 1777 ——

Present at Roll Call — James F. Condy
Moses Grant
James Swan
D. Ingraham
Jno F. Amyard
Jno Bayles
Benj. Hammatt
Sam Gore
Dan Ball
Nath Peirce
Jno Barrett
Elisha Sigourney

W John Barrett President

Voted — That the Committee Chosen last Meeting to Examine the Treasurer & Clerks Accot. be called upon for their Report

The Committee Reported they were not Ready

Voted — That the Committee be Directed to make Report at the Next Meeting

Messrs William Bartlett & George Tyler Proposed as Desireous of becoming Members of this Society

Ebenr Oliver Clerk P. T

At a meeting of the Relief Society at the American Coffee House on Thursday Even'g Dec'r the 4th 1777.

Present at Roll Call

James F Condy
Moses Grant
James Swan
Step'n Bruce
Duncan Ingraham Jr.
John F Osgood
Ebe'r Oliver
Ben'a Hammatt
Sam'l Gore
Daniel Bell
Nath'l Pierce
John Barrett Jr
Elisha Sigourney

Mr Moses Grant President

Whereas it is the opinion of this Society, that Adam Colson one of the members of it, (not "impressed with a due sense of social Duty") has in a manner that reflects dishonor upon his Character as a good member of this Society, encouraged or assisted a number of persons, in the depriving several of our members of part of their property: which conduct is so different from the sentiments we entertain, of that sacred regard, which ought ever to be paid, to the persons and property of all those with whom we have any connections, that we cannot but resent it with the highest marks of Detestation.

Therefore Voted

That the said Adam Colson, for the reasons above mentioned, be expelled from this Society, and the Clerk is directed to acquaint him thereof.

Voted

Voted

(28) Voted, That the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers & Clerks Accounts report this Evening. — —

Voted, That the Report of the above Committee be Satisfactory. ———

Voted, That Mr William Shattuck be admitted a member of this Society. ——

Voted, That the Balloting for Mr George Tyler be postponed to the next meeting, the member that proposed him being absent this Evening. — — — —

Mr John Fenno proposed as desireous of becoming a member of this Society. ———

Dan.l Bell Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Sunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston March 5th 1778

Present James F Condy Moses Grant
James Swan Hezh Bruce
Perez Morton D Ingraham Jr
J F Osgood John Boyles
Benk Oliver B Hammatt Jr
Samuel Gore Daniel Bell
Benj Hitchborn John Barnett
Elisha Sigourney Wm Shattuck

Col: Benjamin Hitchborn President

Voted Unanimously, That Mr John Fenno be admitted a member of this Society.

Voted, That Mr Condy and Mr Sigourney be a Committee to ask Mr Fenno's attendance this Evening

Messrs Sigourney, Gore, Condy, Swan, Shattuck Grant, and Osgood drew Lot No 1 to serve as Clerk to the Society the ensuing year, but each of them refusing to accept of the Office they severally paid 12/ as their fine agreable to the 5th Article for regulating the Society

Mr Nathaniel Peirce signifies his desire of being dismissed from this Society.

Voted, Unanimously, That the above request of Mr Peirce be granted him, and he is dismissed accordingly.

Voted, That the fine for refusing to serve as Clerk be raised from 12/ to 42/ untill further Order of the Society.

Messrs Gore, Hitchborn, Morton, Barnett, Bruce, Hammatt Swan, Shattuck, and Grant, drew Lots, and for refusing to serve as Clerk to the Society they each of them paid 42/.

Mr

(30) Mr Oliver upon drawing Lot No 1, accepts of the honorable and important Office of Clerk to this Society for the present year.

Voted That Mr. Moses Grant be Treasurer to this Society for the present year.

Voted That Messrs Condy Fenno & Bruce be a Committee to examine the Treasurers and Clerks Accts for the last year.

Attest Dan.l Bell Clk.

(L)

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston June .1778

Present Messrs. Moses Grant — James Swan
John Boyle — Benj.a Hammet
Sam.l Gore — Amos Windship
John Barrett — Elisha Sigourney
William Shattuck — John Stevens

Major James Swan. President

Voted — That Every Member have his Buck with the Uniform this Society Just Sett out with (to wit) the Motto In Angustus Amici, the Ground Dark Green and the Name at full Length if Possible, Under the penalty of Ten shillings.

Ben.l Oliver Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Boston — Sept.r 4.th 1778

Present Mess.rs Moses Grant, Stephen Bruce, Jos.h F. Osgood, John Boyle, Eben.r Oliver, James Tilestone, Benj.a Hammatt, Samuel Gore, Amos Windship, Benj.a Hichborn, John Barrett Jun.r, Nath.l Crafts, Elisha Sigourney

Col.o Benj.a Hichborn President

The Committee chosen Last March to Examine the Treasurer and Clerks Acco.t being Call'd upon to make Report, Mr Bruce was the Only person of that Committee present, Could not Report

Voted — That Mr Bruce be desir'd to wait on Mess.rs Condy & Jenno to Examine the Treasurer & Clerks Acco.t for the Last Year and make Report at the Next Meeting

Voted — That in Addition to the Vote pass'd Last Meeting, After the words, at full Length if possible (the following be Added) Under the Penalty of Ten Shillings

Mr Andrew Brimmer propos'd as Desirous of Becoming a member of this Society

Eben.r Oliver

(32)

At a Meeting of the Belief Society at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern Boston Dec. 3. 1778

Present Mess.rs James F. Cordy, Moses Grant, James Swan, Stephen Bruce, Jn.o F. Agood, Jn.o Boyle, Benj.a Hammatt, Sam.l Gore, Daniel Bell, Amos Windship, John Barrett, Nath.l Craft, Will.m Shattuck, John Penno

Mr. John Barrett Jun.r President

Voted, Unanimously that Mr. Andrew Brimmer be Admitted a member of this Society

Voted, That Mess.rs Bell & Craft be a Committee to wait on Mr. Brimmer, Inform him of his Admission, and desire his Attendance at Suppper

The Committee Appointed to Examine the Accot.s of the Treasurer & Clerk, Report that they have Examin'd said Accounts & find them to be Just & Accurate, & that a Ballance of £28.17.8½ in favor of the Society Remains in the hands of the Treasurer

Voted, That the Report of the Above Committee is Satisfactory

Whereas by the Treasurers Accot. Exhibited to the Society this Evening, there Appears to be in his hands belonging to the Society £28.17.8½, & we being ever desirous of Promoting the General Good & Believeing Our Brethren who are Nobly Defending Our Rights at the Expence of their Ease & hazard of their Lives do Agree & Accordingly Vote, that the Aforesaid Sum of £28.17.8½ be Laid Out by the Treasurer in Tickets of this State Lottery Class the first at the Discretion & for the Benefit of this Society Any Article or Vote to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Voted, That the Treasurer be desired to give the Numbers of the Tickets to the Clerk that they may be inserted in the Society's Book — The Treasurer has Accordingly Exhibited the Numbers & they are as follows, Viz. №7891 to 7906 Inclusive

Voted, That the fines which were due from Mr. Richard Walker who fell fighting Gloriously in the Cause of his Country, be Remitted

Attest Ebenr Oliver

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern Boston March 4. 1779.

Present Majr. Moses Grant — Sam.l Gore
James Swan — Daniel Bell
Stephen Bruce — E. Sigourney
Jnº F. Osgood — John Senno
John Boyle — Andrew Brimmer
Benj.a Hammatt

Major James Swan President

The Treasurer Reported that the Sixteen Tickets in the First Class of the Massachusetts State Lottery, belonging to this Society Drew Forty Dollars

Voted, That the Treasurer invest the Above sum in the second Class of the Massachusetts State Lottery, On Acco.t of this Society & Report at next Meeting

Majr. Windship, Jngraham & Brimmer Drew Lot Nº 8, to serve as Clerk to this Society the Ensuing year, but Each of them refusing to Accept of the Office, they severally paid 42/. to their fine agreeable to a Vote of this Society at March Meet.g 1778. —— Mr James F. Sondy upon Drawing Lot Nº 8. accepted of the honorable & Important Office of Clark to this Society

Voted, That Mr Moses Grant be Treasurer to this Society for the present year

Voted, That Majr. Bell, Hammatt & Bruce be a Committee to Examine the Treasurer's and Clerk's Accounts for the Last year

Voted That the Benefit Money to this Society be Twelve shillings instead of One shilling & Six pence to Commence this Evening

Voted That all fines incurr'd by a breach of the Articles of this Society, be rais'd to Eight times the former Sum

(34) Voted That the Clerk be directed to Minute on the next Notifications the Advance of the Fines

Candidate Colo Keith

Attest Ebenr Oliver

At a meeting of the Relief Society at the American Exchange Tavern Boston June 3 1779 —

Present Messrs Jn. F. Osgood — Jn. Boyles
Ebenr. Oliver — Benj. Hammatt
Saml Gore — Jn. Barrett
E. Sigourney — Jn. Fenno
Benj. Hichborn — Moses Grant
James Swan — James T. Condy

Mr. Benjamin Hammatt President —

Voted Unanimously that Mr. Keith be Admitted a member of this Society —

Voted That Messrs. Hichborn & Fenno be a Committee to wait on Mr. Keith, Inform him of his Admission, & desire his Company at Supper —

Voted That the report of the Committee appointed to examine the late Clerks Accounts, is Satisfactory —

Voted That Mr. Osgoods reasons for not having his bags in proper Order, is not Satisfactory —

Voted That Mr. Swans reasons for not having his bag in good & proper order, is not Satisfactory —

James Foster Condy Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Society at the American Exchange Tavern Boston Sept.r 2.d 1779 —

Present Mess.rs Moses Grant — John Fisk Osgood
John Boyles — Ebenezer Oliver
Benj.a Hammatt — Samuel Gore
Abraham Hunt — Daniel Bell
John Barrett — Elisha Sigourney
John Fenno — Andrew Brimmer
James Swan —

Mr. Daniel Bell — President —

Voted — That the Clerk omit Notifying Mr. Morton the next meeting, for being absent six successive meetings —

Whereas the Honor & Advantages of this Society are promoted by a strict Compliance with the Articles formed for its Regulation, we find Ourselves obliged (however unwilling) to consider Mr. James Swan as having Violated those Rules in which the Order & happiness of the Society consists, by refusing to pay the Fines which his Negligence from time to time has incurred — therefore Voted — That he be dismissed from this Society this Fines given him —

Whereas Capt.n Abraham Hunt a member of this Society has been, and now is in the service of the United States, which has rendered his absence from us unavoidable and necessary — and as by the articles of the Society he is chargeable with his proportion of the expences arising for the benefit of the whole, and Considering the small Allowance granted him for his support, Viewing him as a good member of Society, and approving of the Glorious cause in which he is engaged — Therefore Voted That all Fines and debts due from him to this Society be remitted him —

Whereas Mr. James Tilestone has requested of this Society an honourable dismission — Therefore Voted that Mr. Tilestone be Honourably dismissed —

James Tilestone Cond.y 6.th

(36) At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the American Exchange Tavern Boston Dec.r 2 1779 —

Present Messrs. Stephen Bruce — Daniel Bell
John F. Osgood — Elisha Sigourney
John Barrett — Samuel Gore
John Fenno — John Boyles
Israel Keith — Ebenezer Oliver
Benjamin Hubbart — James F. Condy

Mr. Israel Keith — President

Voted — That Mr. Bruces reasons for absence the last Meeting is Satisfactory —

Voted That the Vote passed at the last meeting Respecting Mr. Morton be reconsidered —

Voted That the Clerk be Positively ordered to acquaint Mr. Morton, that unless he attend the Club at the next meeting he will no longer be Looked upon as a member —

Voted That the Clause in the 15th Article respecting members being deemed as quitting the Society, be altered, and for the future stand as follows — Any member who shall absent himself four meeting Successively from town or without sending or personally giving sufficient excuse shall be deemed as quitting the Society —

Voted That the following persons be a Committee in order to procure good & proper Gentlemen for members of this Society Viz.t Messrs. Stephen Bruce, John Fenno, John Barrett, Daniel Bell, Elisha Sigourney, John F. Osgood James Foster Condy — James Foster Condy Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the American Exchange Tavern Boston March 2. 1780—

Present Messrs. Abraham Hunt — Moses Grant
Stephen Bruce — John Fisk Osgood
John Boyles — Ebenezer Oliver
Benjamin Hammatt — Samuel Gore
Daniel Bell — John Barlett
Elisha Sigourney — William Shattuck
John Fenno — Israel Keith
Peez Morton — James Foster Condy

Voted that M.r Ingraham according to his request be Honourably dismissed —

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to procure good & proper persons for members of this Society — Reported and proposed the following Gentlemen Viz.t Messrs. Fosdick — Green — Palmer Appleton Gore Shattuck — Bond Greenough — Austin J Fenno — the above Gentlemen one Ball — are Unanimously Chosen members of this Society —

Voted That Messrs. Bruce Sigourney Boyles & Keith be a committee to wait upon the above Gentlemen & acquaint them with their admission, & desire their Company this Evening to Supper — Accordingly the following Gentlemen attended Viz.t Messrs. Green — Appleton Shattuck — Bond — J Fenno —

Voted That every person in the printed articles be thirty for one —

M.r Osgood drew Lot N.o 1 — to serve as Clerk the Ensuing Year but not accepting paid his fine £18 — M.r Sigourney upon drawing Lot N.o 11 accepted of the Office —

Voted That M.r Grant be Treasurer for the Ensuing Year —

Voted That the Clerk be directed to supply the New Members with articles within ten days & that they comply with the same as soon as may be —

Voted That a Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurers & Clerks accounts —

Voted That Messrs. Bell Bruce & Morton be the Committee for that purpose —

James Foster Condy Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon Boston June 1st 1780

Present Messrs Saml Candy Saml Gore
John T. Osgood Abra Hunt
Saml Greenough John Barrett
Natl W. Appleton B Austin
Benj Hammatt A Brimmer
Moses Grant Joseph Green
Nathan Bond. Ebr Oliver
John Shattuck John Sanno.
Wm Shattuck Majr Bruce
Israel Keith E Sigourney
John Boyle

Israel Keith Esqr President

Voted That the money in the Treasurers hands be Laid out in Long Wharfe Lottery Tickets for the Benefit of the Relief Society

Voted That the Treasurer be desired to purchase the Tickets. & return a List of the Numbers to the Clerk to be recorded

Voted. That Brother Hunts fines be remitted him he being Engaged in the Continental Service

Voted. That the Clerk apply to Mr Craft. & advise him to Settle his a/c with this Society. and Inform him. that his future Continuance in this Society depends on his Punctual Attendance

Elisha Sigourney Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Green Dragon Boston Sept.r 7. 1780 —

Voted. That the Committees Report Respecting the Treasurers Accounts. is Satisfactory —

Voted. That the Society meet at 7. O Clock in Sept.r & at 6. O Clock in Decem.r that the Clerk be desired to notify the Members. to Alter their Articles Accordingly ——

Voted. That W.m Crafts fines for Absence be remitted.

Voted. That the Treasurer be desired to purchase four Tickets in the Boston Pier Lottery. for the benefit of this Society. & Return the members to the Clerk to be recorded. The Treasurer Returnd the following Numbers. 4911. to 4914. Accordingly

Present. Messr.s James Tr Condy. Moses Grant
Stephen Bruce. Jn.o F. Osgood
Jn.o Boyles. Eben.r Oliver
Benj.a Hammatt. Sam.l Gore
Abn.r Hunt. Jn.o Barrett
Nath.l Crafts. Jn.o Fenno.
Isaac Keith. Joseph Green
J. P. Palmer Nath.l W. Appleton
John Prettick Nathan Bond
Sam.l Greenough

Elisha Sigourney Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon Boston Dec.r 7th 1738. ——

Present

Moses Grant	John Barrett
Steph.n Bruce	John Jenno
Jn.o F. Osgood	Andrew Brimmer
Jn.o Boyle	Israel Keith
Eben.r Oliver	Joseph P. Palmer
Benj.a Hammatt	Nath.l W. Appleton
Sam.l Gore	Chris.r Gore
Abn.r Hunt	John Shattuck
Dan.l Bell	Sam.l Greenough
Benj.a Austin	Sam.l Jenno

W.m Samuel Greenough President.

Voted. That W.m Palmer's fine for not having a key be remitted.

Voted. That all fines, benefit money, & price of Articles be paid in Hard money, or an Equivalent, after this Evening.

Voted. That the Treas.r be desired to report to the Clerk as soon may be, the fate of the Tickets belonging to this Society, and if there is any Prizes, that he lay out the same in Tickets in the next Class, for the Benefit of this Society. —

Voted. That the Treas.r be requested to give the numbers of the Tickets, when he shall purchase them, to the Clerk as soon as purchased & that the Clerk record the same and report accordingly at the next meeting. —

Voted. That in case any member shall lose his Seal key & will report the same to the Society at the next meeting after it is lost & shall at the same time declare that he lost it at fire, or in the service of the Society. that the same be paid for at the Expence of the Society. ——

Voted. That W.m Chris.r Gore's fines for Absence be remitted.

Voted. That the Words (for each) be added after the words ten shillings in fourth Artical. ——

Voted That the Clerk should read the Articals every Labor meeting immediately after the Role is called

Elisha Sigourney Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon Boston March 1st 1781

Present.

Moses Grant	John Barrett
Jn.o T. Osgood	John Tenno.
Jn.o Boyle	Isaac Keith
Ebenezer Oliver	Joseph Green
Benj.a Hammatt.	Jos.h P. Palmer
Sam.l Gore	N.W Appleton
Abraham Hunt	Nathan Bond.
Dan.l Bell	Sam.l Greenough
Benj.a Austin	

Benjamin Hitchborn Esq.r President

Voted That the Vote for reading the Articals be Reconsidered

Voted That Br. Tordick (agreable to his request) be Honr.d dismist. he being lately removed from this Town

Voted That Br Greens Fines for absense be remitted

Voted That Br Hitchborns fines for June & Sept.r be remitted

Voted That the Expences of each Evening be defrayed by the members present in Equal proportion & that each absent member pay the same sum as each present member to be deposited in the Common Stock

Br Jn.o Shattuck drew Lott No 1. & paid his fine

Br Ebn.r Oliver drew Lott. 1 & Accepted to serve as Clerk the Ensuing Year

Voted That Br Grant be Treasurer the Ensuing Year

Voted That Br Bruce Hammatt & Bell be a Committee to examine the Treasur.rs & Clerks Accounts

Elisha Sigourney Clerk

(42) At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon
Boston June 7. 1785

Present

Moses Grant	John Fenno
John Boyle	Andrew Brimmer
Benj.a Hallowell	Joseph Green
Samuel Gore	Joseph P. Palmer
Abraham Hunt	Nath.l W. Appleton
Daniel Bell	Nathan Bond
Amos Windship	Samuel Greenough
Nathaniel Crafts	Benjamin Austin
Elisha Sigourney	

Amos Windship President

Voted — That the following Alterations be made in the fifth Article. Viz.t That the Words "Minuted on his Ticket" be erased; And that after the the Word "Admission" be added, and any alteration made in the Articles at the last meeting, minuted on his Ticket. And that after the words "Six shillings" be added, & for Neglecting to notify the Alteration One shilling for Each —

Whereas Mr Palmer has represented to this Society, that he lost his Buckets at a late Fire, and has given them such an Acco.t of his Proceedings towards the Recovery of them, as is Satisfactory to the Society, Therefore

Voted That Mr Palmer be supply'd with a Pair of Buckets at the Expence of this Society

Voted That the Committee appointed the last Meeting to Examine the Accounts of the late Treasurer and Clerk be order'd to make report next Meeting

Voted That the late Clerk be Order'd to give to the above Committee an Acco.t of all Persons indebted to the Society & the respective sums due from them, & the particular times at which the Debts was contracted & that the said Committee be desired to report at the next meeting, what they think each Delinquent ought to pay — Eben.r Oliver

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon, Boston Sept.r 6. 1781.

Present Mess.rs Moses Grant
James F. Condy
John Bayle
Benj.a Hammatt
Samuel Gore
Daniel Bell
John Barrett Jun.r
Nathaniel Crafts
E. Sigourney
William Shattuck
John Fenno
Israel Keith
Joseph Green
Nat.l W. Appleton
Christopher Gore
Nathan Bond
Sam.l Greenough
Benjamin Austin Jun.r

Elisha Sigourney President

Voted. That the following Gentlemen (by their Request) be Honourably Dismiss'd Viz.t Nathaniel Crafts Samuel Fenno & John Fisk Osgood

The Committee chosen to Examine the Treasurer & Clerks Accounts. being call'd upon to make Report. gave for Answer, they were not ready — Therefore

Voted. That they be Order'd to make Report at the next Meet.g

Voted. That Mr James Foster Condy be Dismiss'd

Eben.r Oliver

(14)

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon - Boston Dec.r 3. 1781. —

Present Messr. Moses Grant — John Barrett Junr.
Stephen Bruce — Elisha Sigourney
Perez Morton — William Shattuck
John Boyle — John Fenno
Benja. Hammatt — Nath.l W. Appleton
Samuel Gore — Nathan. Bond
Daniel Bell — Sam.l Greenough
Apna. Windship — Benjamin Austin Junr.

Samuel Greenough. President

The Committee Chosen to Examine the Treasurer & Clerks Accot. made report this Evenj. which was Satisfactory

Voted That the four Fines Charged against Mr. Morton for Absence be Remitted

Voted That all Mr. Windship's Fines from June 1. 1780 to March 1781. be Remitted in Consequence of his Misfortune while Absent

Voted That Mr. Condy's Fines & Charges be Remitted

Voted That Mr. Green & Mr. Sam.l Fenno's Fines & Charges be Remitted

Voted That the Reasons Given for Calling the Meeting this Evenj. be satisfactory

Voted That the Meetg. of this Society to Morrow Evenj. be Dispensed with

Proposed for Admission Messrs. Jos. Head, Jostiam Bernard & Thos. Lewis

Voted — The Above Gentlemen be Balloted for this Evenj.

The Above Gentlemen being Unanimously Admitted as Members of this Society — Therefore

Voted That a Committee of three be Chosen to wait on them to desire their Attendance at Supper

Messrs. Sam.l Gore, John Boyle & Daniel Bell were the Above Committee

Attest Ebenr. Oliver

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon - Boston March 7. 1782

Present Messrs Moses Grant
Stephen Bruce
John Bayle
Benja Hammatt
Samuel Gore
Amos Windship
Benja Hichborn
John Barrett Jun
Elisha Sigourney
John Fenno
Andrew Brimmer
Israel Keith
Nat. W. Appleton
Christopher Gore
Samuel Greenough

Christopher Gore President

Voted. That there be an Index to the Book of Records belonging to this Society

Voted - That a Committee of one be chosen for the above purpose

Voted - That Mr John Fenno, be the Committee

Voted - That Mr Sigourney's Acct be accepted and the Treasurer be directed to pay the same

Voted - That there be a Committee chosen to Examine the Treasurer & Clerks Accounts for the Year past

Voted - That the above Committee consist of Three

Voted - That Messrs Brimmer, Barrett & Appleton, be the above Committee

Candidate - Capt Joseph Crocker

Messrs Boyle. Bell. Keith, Greenough, Austin Head. Bernard & C. Gore - drew Lot No. 1 & Each paid their fine. Mr John Fenno Drew Lot No. 1. & accepted - - -

Attest Eben Oliver

A Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon Tavern Boston June 7. 1782

Present Messrs. Moses Grant, Stephen Bruce, Jno. Barrell, E. Oliver, Jno. Boyle, Alex. Hunt, A. Windship, S. Gore, Wm. Shattuck, B. Hammatt, N.W. Appleton, Jo. Keith, A. Bond, S. Greenough, J. Head, B. Austin, A. Brimmer

Mr. William Shattuck President.

The Committee appointed to form an Index to the Records of this Society exhibited what he had prepared for that purpose — Whereupon it was Voted

That a Committee be appointed to examine the same & report at our Quarterly Meeting what Compensation shall be allowed him for his Trouble in compiling it —

Voted That Messrs. Bruce, Appleton & Oliver be that Committee

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers & Clerks Accounts Report, That they have attended that Service & find the respective Accounts fair & accurate, a Ballance in favor of the Society of Thirtysix Shillings & 6 being in the Hands of the Treasurer. — Due for Deliquent Members Twentyfive pounds & 9. —

Voted That the foregoing Report is satisfactory. —

Voted That all Arrearages due from Mr. Osgood be remitted.

Voted That Mr. Davis Jun.r Name be erased from the List of Members belonging to this Society. —

Voted (Unanimously by Ballot) That Mr. Joseph Cracker be admitted a Member of this Society

Voted That Messrs. Keith, Hunt & Boyle be a Committee to wait on Mr. Cracker, inform him of his Admission & desire his Company this Evening at Supper. —

Voted That every Member of this Society be furnished by the Clerk with a New Bell of Tickets compleat — by the next Quarterly Meeting. —

Proposed for Admission by Doct Windship
Mr. Thomas Farrington late of Cambridge

Mr. Jeremiah Cook

A Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon Tavern Sept. 5. 1782

Present Messrs. N. W. Appleton, Jno. Barrett Jun., Thos. Bernard, Jno. Boyle, N. Bond, S. Bruce, J. Crocker, S. Gore, M. Grant, S. Greenough, B. Hammatt, J. Head, A. Hunt, J. Keith, E. Oliver, W. Shattuck, J. Shattuck, E. Sigourney, A. Windship.

W. John Barrett Jun. President.

Mr. Saml. Greenough having had one of his Buckets destroyed by Fire when employd agreeably to the Articles, it was

Voted That he be furnished with a new Bucket at the Expence of the Society. ——

Voted That the Clerk be empowerd to notify SIX Members in Alphabetical Order, to attend him Quarterly for the purpose of inspecting the Buckets, Bags & Key of the respective Members. under the penalty provided in the Articles. ——

Voted That those words "more than" in the Vote of Dec. 1776, respecting the balloting for members, be expunged, and the Articles conformd to the Vote as it will then stand.

Voted. That Mr John Shattucks Fines for Absence be remitted. Mr. John Shattuck going abroad, desires to be dismissd from the Society

Voted That his request be complied with, and he is accordingly honorably dismissed. —

The Clerk having deviated from the Letter of the Articles in calling the Quarterly meeting on this Friday Evening. the Reasons for his conduct were required, which being offered, were admitted as a sufficient apology. ——

Voted That Six Pounds be paid to the Committee who formd the Index, the Committee appointed to examine it, approving the same ——

Mr. Farrington being balloted for was not admitted. —

Propos'd for Admission, Mr. John Carnes.

Jn. Penno Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at Col. Ingersols' December 5. 1782.

Present, Messrs.	N.W. Appleton	J. Head
	J. Bancft Jr.	B. Hichborn
	D. Bell	A Hunt
	T. Bernard	P. Morton
	N. Bond	E. Sigourney
	J. Boyle	W. Shattuck Esqr.
	J. Crocker	A Windship
	S. Gore	
	C. Gore	
	M. Grant	
	S. Greenough	
	B. Hammatt Jr.	

President, Mr. Joseph Head.

The Committee for inspecting Buckets reported, that Mr. Hunt was deficient in every Article thereupon for reasons assigned. Voted, That the Fines he has incurred thereby be reduced to Ten Shillings, & to be considered as for deficiency in his Bag only. Mr. Bond having lost his Bucket at a late Fire offered that as an Excuse for being deficient in that Article, which Excuse was accepted by the Society — But, on the Question whether Mr. Bond's Bucket should be replaced at the Society's Expence, it passed in the Negative; as he had not pursued the Methods prescribed by the Articles for recovering it. —

Mr. John Cannes proposed the last Meeting, being balloted for, was unanimously admitted a Member of this Society. —

John Tinnell Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at Col: Jos: Ingersols Boston March 6. 1783. ——

Present Messr. N W Appleton — C. Gore
J Barrett Jr. — M. Grant
D. Bell — S. Greenough
T. Bernard — B. Hammatt Jr.
J. Boyle — J. Head
S. Bruce — A Hunt
N. Bond — J. Keith
J. Carnes — E. Oliver
J Crocker — W Shattuck
S. Gore — E. Sigourney —

President Mr. Daniel Bell. — ——

Voted That the following Addition be made to the fifth Article Viz! after the Words "found to serve" unless some person on application made to him by the Society, will so far oblige them as to serve in that Office without being chosen by Lot, in which Case the Choice shall be by Vote of the Society. ——

Messrs. Appleton, Bond Crotker & Carnes having drawn Lot N°1. paid each his Fine which excus'd them from serving in the Clerks' Office for the ensuing Year. ——

Voted That the Clerk for the Year past, be desir'd to continue in that Office the current Year. — who concurring with the Society's Request their Thanks were Voted him for past Services

Mr. Brimmer being unable to attend the Meetings of the Society, thro' long indisposition, desires to be dismissed;

Voted that he be honorably dismiss'd agreeably to his Request. — — Voted That Mr. Grant be Treasurer to this Society the ensuing Year. — Voted that Messrs. Barrett, Greenough & Hammatt be a Committee to examine the Treasurer & Clerks' Accounts the Year past ——

(50)

At a Meeting of the Relief Society
Thursday Evening June 5. 1783 — at Col. Ingersols

Present Messrs. N W Appleton .. C. Gore
B. Austin Jr — M. Grant
J. Barrett Jr — S. Greenough
N Bond — B. Hammatt Jr.
J Boyle — J. Head
S. Bruce — A. Hunt
J. Barnes — I. Keith
J. Crocker — E. Oliver
S. Gore — W. Shattuck
E. Sigourney

President. Mr. Stephen Bruce.

The Committee for examining Treasurers & Clerks' Accounts, having attended that service Report, that they find their respective Accounts fair & accurate, a Ballance remaining in the Treasurers Hands of Sixteen pounds 2/7 Lmy. — Due from delinquent Members Sixteen pounds & 10. Lmy. —

Voted that the foregoing Report is satisfactory. — —

Mr. Jno. Barrett proposed Mr. Thomas Porter to become a Member of this Society. — —

John Fenno Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society
Thursday Evening Sept. 4. 1783 at the Green Dragon

Present	Messrs. N W. Appleton	S. Greenough
	J. Barrett Jr.	B. Hammatt Jr.
	N. Bond	J. Head
	J. Boyle	A Hunt
	S. Bruce	I. Keith
	J. Carnes Jr.	E. Oliver
	J. Crocker	W. Shattuck
	S. Gore	E. Sigourney
	M. Grant	A Windship

President Mr. Benj.a Hammatt Jr.

Mr. Thomas Porter, proposed last Meeting, being balloted for this Evening was admitted a Member, unanimously

Mr. Fenno proposed Mr. Ebenr. Battelle to become a Member of this Society — and that he, that he, be balloted for this Evening as the Season of the Year was now advancing when our mutual assistance would probably be more especially needed — Whereupon Voted Nem. con: that he be balloted for this Evening — and the Ballots being taken he was unanimously admitted a member — John Fenno Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon Thursday Evening Decemr. 4. 1783.

Present	Messrs N W. Appleton	Samel Gore	A Hunt	A Windship
	J Barrel Jr.	C. Gore	I. Keith	
	N Bond	M. Grant	P. Morton	
	J Boyle	S. Greenough	E. Oliver	
	E. Battelle	J. Head	J. Porter	
	J Carnes Jr.	B. Richborn	W. Shattuck	
	J Crocker	B. Hammatt	E Sigourney	

President Mr. John Carnes Junr.

Mr. Joseph Head proposed that Mr. Thomas Clarke become a Member of this Society Voted that he be balloted for this Evening and the Ballots being taken he was unanimously admitted a Member

Voted That a Committee wait on Mr. Clarke, inform him of his Admission & Request his Company at Supper.

Voted That Messrs. Head, Hunt & Porter be the Committee — J Fenno Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon Thursday Evening March 4. 1784.

Present Messrs. NW. Appleton C. Gore A. Windship
J Barrett Jr. M. Grant
N. Bond S Greenough
J. Boyle B. Hammatt Jr
E Battelle J. Head
S Bruce A Hunt
J Carnes Jr. L. Keith
J. Crocker E. Oliver
S. Gore A. Sigourney

President W. Ebenezer Battelle —

Voted. That the thanks of this Society be given the Clerk for his Services the Year past — and that he be desired to continue in that Office the current Year

In Balloting for a Treasurer Mr. Moses Grant was elected unanimously.

Voted That Messrs. Head, Appleton & Greenough be a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Treasurer & Clerk the Year past the first

Voted That the Quarterly Meetings of this Society shall be on Friday Evenings in March, June, Sept & Decem in lieu of Thursday Evenings in the same Months.

Voted That a Committee be appointed to revise the Articles of this Society, & report next Quarterly Meeting.

Voted That that Messrs C. Gore, Appleton & Fenno form this Committee. —

Voted That the Treasurer of this Society invest what Monies he has in his Hands belonging to the Society in the United States Certificates*. — —

Voted That the Committee also may inspect the Buckets &c of the respective Members of this Society previous to the next Quarterly Meeting report not only the Deficiencies that may be found, but also the particular Situation of the several Articles

John Fenno

* Mem: Mr Grant delivered me to register this ninth day of March 1784. Two United States Certificates signed by Jn° Pierce Comptr. Vol. N° 13,397 dated State of New York Jan.y 1. 1784 — fav: Levi Holden for x five hundred Dollars. N° 10736 dated same time & place fav: Joseph Blackett for One hundred & Twenty Dollars. Jn: Fenno Clk

x = 3/6 —

† = 4/9

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon June 4. 1784. Friday Evening. — —

Present. Messrs. N.W. Appleton — Saml. Greenough
Jno. Barrett Jr. — N. Grant
N. Bond — B. Hammatt Jr.
J. Boyle — A. Hunt
I. Bruce — I. Keith
E. Battelle — E. Oliver
J. Carnes — W Shattuck
J. Crocker — E. Sigourney
Thos. Clarke
I. Gore

W. Eben. Oliver — President. —

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers & Clerks Accts. Report, that they have found said Accounts fair & accurate, a Ballance being due to the Treasurer of Six Pounds 15/7 Lmy. due from delinquents Twelve pounds 16/4. —

Voted That said Repot be accepted. —

The Committee for revising the Articles not ready to report at this Meeting. —

Voted That they be desired to repot next Meeting. —

Voted That W. Thos. Clarke's fine for not having his Bags at the Visitation in March, be remitted for Reasons given by him at this Meeting. — —

Voted That W. Sigourneys Buckets having been defaced at a Fire, be painted at the Societys Expence. —

Mr. Joseph Crocker proposed Doct. Saml. Whitwell to become a Member of this Society. — — John Stevens Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the Green Dragon Tavern, kept by John Wood, Friday Evening September 3. 1784. —

Present. Messrs. W. Appleton
B. Austin Junr.
J. Barrett Junr.
N. Bond
J. Boyle
T. Bernard
S. Bruce
J. Carnes Junr.
J. Crocker
E. Battelle
M. Grant
J. Porter
Sam[l] Gore
C. Gore
S. Greenough
B. Hammatt Junr.
Jos: Head
A. Hunt
I. Keith
E. Oliver
W. Shattuck
E. Sigourney
A Windship —

President — Dr. Windship —

Doct. Sam[l] Whitwell who was proposed last Meeting being now balloted for was unanimously admitted a Member —

W. Joseph Scarse Palmer, a former Member, being proposed for readmission, was balloted for, and unanimously admitted.

Voted That Messrs. Carnes, Crocker & Head be a Committee to wait on the above Gentlemen & request their Company at Supper this Evening —

The Committee appointed to revise the Articles, not ready to report —

John Hunno[t]t

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the Green Dragon Tavern, kept by John Hoart – Friday Evening December 3. 1784. –

Present Mess^rs. W^m Appleton, J Barrett Jr, E Battelle, N Bond, J Boyle, S. Bruce, J Carnes Jr, T. Clarke, J Crocker, S Gore, M Grant, J Fenno, S. Greenough, B Hammatt Jr, J Head, B Hichborn, A Hunt, J Keith, E Oliver, J P Palmer, W^m Shattuck, E Sigourney, A Windship

President Stephen Bruce. –

Capt Tristram Bernard and W Thomas Porter having left the State it was Voted that they be dismissed from this Society agreeably to their own desire –

W^m Daniel Bell having absented himself from the meetings of the Society more than four Evenings successively Voted that he be no longer considerd a Member – – –

JOHN FENNO Clerk

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Voted That Messrs J Boyle, J. Carnes & S Greenough be a Committee to wait on Mr Greenough, inform him of his admission, & request his Company at Supper —

W. Saml Gore, proposed Mr. Wm Hyslop to become a Member of this Society —

The Committee appointed to revise the Articles reported this Evening, which being accepted it was Voted that the same Gentlemen be a Committee to attend to what further may be necessary respecting the Articles, as to the Printing, Form &c in which they are empower'd to adopt such a mode as their Judgment may direct —

Voted that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Clerk for his Services the year past — and that he be requested to serve in that Office the current year —

A Treasurer being balloted for Mr. Rose Grant was elected unanimously —

Voted That Messrs Shattuck, Bond & Hammatt be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's & Clerk's Accounts for the Year past & report next Meeting —

John Fenno Clk —

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the Green Dragon June 3. 1785 —

Present

Messrs N.W. Appleton	J. Carnes Junr	S. Greenough	Js. Keith
J. Barrett Junr	J. Crocker —	N. Greenough	E. Oliver
N. Bond —	T. Clarke	B. Hammatt	W Shattuck
J Boyle —	S. Gore	J. Read	E. Sigourney
S. Bruce —	R. Grant	A Hunt —	A Windship

Thomas Clarke President

The Clerk reported that he had waited upon Mr Morton agreeably to order, who informed him that he would attend next meeting & pay up his Arrearages — W. S. Gore, this Evening withdrew his Proposal for the admission of Mr. Wm Hyslop —

The Committee on Accounts not being ready to report it was Voted that they be directed to report the next meeting —

Voted That the Clerk be directed to give Mr. Boyle an Order on the Treasurer for Seven pounds Ten Shillings being the Amount of his Bill for Printing &c the Articles as revised —

John Fenno Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon kept by John Woart September 2. 1785

Present

Messrs N. W. Appleton	S. Bruce	M. Grant	I. Keith
B. Austin Jr	J. Carnes Jr	S. Greenough	E. Oliver
J. Barrett Jr	T. Clark	N. Greenough	E. Sigourney
E. Battelle	J. Crocker	B. Hammatt	A. Windship
N. Bond	S. Gore	B. Richborn	
J. Boyle	C. Gore	A. Hunt	

Christopher Gore President

W. Morton having absented himself from the Society's meetings six Quarters successively without sending or personally offering any reason therefor —

Voted That W. Morton agreeably to the articles ceases to be a member of this Society and that no charge be made against him subsequent to March last —

Voted That the Clerk furnish W. Morton with a Copy of the above Vote —

The Committee on accounts reported this Evening That they had attended the business of their appointment and found the respective accounts fair & accurate a ballance in favor of the Society of Twenty three Shillings & five pence due to the Society from delinquent members Sixteen pounds 11/4

Voted That the above Report be accepted —

Dr N. W. Appleton proposed Mr Samuel Emery to become a member of this Society

Voted That Dr Saml Whitwell be dismissed from this Society agreeably to his own request

John Fenno Clk

(58)

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Soci.
at the Green Dragon Decemr 2. 1785 Friday Evenin.

Present Messrs N.W. Appleton J. Clark B. Hichborn 1 Hinds
E. Battelle S. Gore A. Hunt
J Boyle S. Greenough J. Keith
N. Bond M Grant E. Oliver
S. Bruce B. Hammatt W. Shattuck
J. Crocker J Head E Sigourney

Joseph Crocker President

Voted That the Clerk be directed to provide a Box with a Sett of Balloting-Balls for the Use of this Society

Mr. Samuel Emery, proposed the last Meeting being balloted for was admitted this Evening a Member of this Society.

Voted That Messrs Bond & Battelle be a Committee to wait on Mr. Emery, inform him of his admission, & request his Company at Supper.

Voted That the President of this Society for the time being shall at every quarterly meeting (business admitting) enquire of the several Members respecting their Knowledge of the place of abode, Warehouse, Shop &c of any other Member as also of the Avenues &c to the same

John Tyler Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the Green Dragon kept by John Woart, Friday Evening March 3. 1786.

Present Messrs. N.W. Appleton, J. Barrett Jr., E. Bartelle, N. Bond, J. Boyle, S. Bruce, J. Crocker, J. Carnes, S. Clarke, S. Emery, S. Gore, M. Giant, S. Greenough, N. Greenough, B. Hammatt, J. Head, A. Hunt, I. Keith, E. Oliver, W. Shattuck, E. Sigourney, A. Windship

Will.m Shattuck President.

Voted That the Thanks of this Society be given to the Clerk for his Services the Year past.

Voted That M. Fenno be requested to serve as Clerk the current year — who acceded to that request.

The Ballots being taken for a Treasurer, M. Giant was re-elected unanimously.

Voted That Messrs. Crocker, Boyle & Bartelle form a Committee to examine the Treasurer's & Clerks Accounts for the year past.

Voted That the Clerk be directed to write M. Morton a Letter, enclosing his account (deducting such charges for fines as he may think proper) and call upon him for the Ballance, due from him to the Society.

Voted That the quarterly Meeting of this Society on the first Friday Evening in June next, be omitted.

Voted That a Committee be appointed to fix on a day in June when this Society will form a Party to go on the Water; to provide a suitable Pleasure Boat and necessary Refreshments & Provisions for the Occasion.

Voted That Messrs. Sigourney, S. Gore, S. Greenough & the Clerk form the above Committee.

John Fenno Clk

(60)

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society on board the Lydia Packet off Governors Island June 7. 1786.

Present Messrs—

John Barrett Jr.	Sam[l] Gore	Benj[a] Hichborn
John Boyle	Chris: Gore	Ab[m] Hunt
Eben[r] Battelle	Moses Grant	Israel Keith
Step[n] Bruce	Sam[l] Greenough	Eben[r] Oliver
Tho[s] Clarke	Nath[l] Greenough	Wm Shattuck
Jos: Crocker	Benj[a] Hammatt	E. Sigourney
Sam[l] Emery	Jos: Head —	A. Windship—

Benj[a] Hichborn President

Voted That the Expences incurred by this Society on the present Occasion be defeyed out of the Funds of the Society and their final adjustment be referred to the next Quarterly Meeting.

Doctor Windship proposed Mr Dudley Colman to become a member of this Society. — John Fennollk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at the Green Dragon kept by Jn[o] Evans Friday Evening Sept: 1. 1786.

Present Messrs: N. W. Appleton Jos: Crocker A. Greenough
Jn[o] Barrett Jr Jn[o] Carnes Jr B. Hammatt Jr
A. Bond Sam: Emery Jos: Head A Windship
Jn[o] Boyle S. Gore A. Hunt
E. Battelle M. Grant I. Keith
T. Clark S. Greenough E. Oliver

The Committee on Accounts not being ready to report they were directed to report next Meeting.

Whereas the Clerk has not received any reply to the Letter wrote to Mr Perez Morton respecting the Ballance due to the Society and as said Letter was left at Mr. Morton's House in his Absence Voted that the Clerk be directed to send him a Copy of the same.

Voted That no Assessment be made to defray the Expences of the Meeting in June last.

Dr Windship requested Leave to withdraw his Nomination of Mr. Dudley Colman — which was granted.

Israel Keith Esq. President — Jn[o] Fennollk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society
Friday Evening December 1. 1786 At the Game
Cock Tavern kept by Dudley Colman

Present Messieurs

N W. Appleton	Jn.o Carnes	S Greenough	W. Shattuck
John Barrett	Tho.s Clarke	N. Greenough	E. Sigourney
Eben. Battelle	Jos: Crocker	B. Hammatt	A Windship
N Bond	Sam.l Gore	Jos: Head	J. Fenno
J Boyle	Chris: Gore	Js: Keith	
S. Bruce	M. Grant	E. Oliver	

W. John Barrett President

Voted That in future, the President for the Evening shall be taken from the List of members Alphabetically anything in the Articles to the Contrary notwithstanding

Mr. Bruce having lost his Bed Key at a Time of Fire
Voted That the Fine with which he is charged in Sept last on that Account, be remitted

The Committee on Accounts reported this Evening that they had attended that Service - and find the Ballance as follow Viz: In the Treasurer's Hands - 9.7.10
Due from the Clerk - 4.7.6
Due from Delinquents - 11.4.7
£ 24.19.11

Voted That the above Report be accepted

Voted That the Facilities so called, received by the Treasurer for Interest on the Final Settlement Certificates belonging to this Society, be disposed of at his discretion; and the proceeds invested in similar Certificates

Voted That the Treasurer be directed to purchase with the Final Settlements which he has, or may have in his hands, the property of this Society - FOUR Tickets in the State Lottery for the Eastern Townships

John Fenno Clerk

Memorandum

Feb: 12. 1787 The Tickets purchased by the Treasurer agreeably to the above Vote are numbered as follow Viz: 758 & 759 — 764 & 765

and are signed J. Brooks, Leo: Jarvis } Managers Attest John Fenno Clerk

(62) An Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the Game Cock Tavern kept by Dudley Colman March 2. 1787. Present

John. Barrell	Benj^a Austin Jr	N W Appleton
Eben^r Battelle	Sam^l Emery	B. Hammatt Jr
John Boyle	Sam^l Gore	Jos: Head
N. Bond	Chris^r Gore	Israel Keith
Tho^s Clarke	Moses Grant	Eben^r Oliver
John Cannes Jr	S. Greenough	W Shattuck
Jos: Crocker	N. Greenough	E Sigourney
John Fenno	Amos Windship	

Doct^r Nath^l Walker Appleton President —

This being the annual meeting when the Officers of the Society are elected it was Voted That the Thanks of the Society be given to M^r Fenno for his Services as Clerk the Year past and that he be desired to officiate the current year —

The Votes being taken for a Treasurer M^r Grant was unanimously re elected —

Voted That in lieu of the quarterly meeting in June next, the Society will then form a Party for a Tour on the Water —

Voted That M^{ess}^{r} Sigourney, Barrell, S. Greenough & Fenno be a committee to make the necessary preparations &c —

Voted That the assessment of Benefit Money be discontinued from this Time —

Voted That the Clerk provide the Suppers on a more economical plan in future —

Voted That the fines & pay of Absent Members shall in future be appropriated to defray the Quarterly Expences —

John Fenno Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society on board the Hingham packet Capt. Lincoln off the Light House Island June 12. 1787

Present N.W. Appleton — J. Barnes — Jos. Head
John Barrett — J. Fenno — B. Hichborn
Eben. Battelle — C. Gore — I. Keith
N. Bond — M. Grant — E. Oliver
J. Boyle — S. Greenough — A Hunt
S. Bruce — N. Greenough — E Sigourney
T. Clark — B. Hammatt

Eben. Battelle President

No Votes passed at this Meeting. ——

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At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the Game Cock Tavern kept by Dudley Colman Sept. 7. 1787.

Present N.W Appleton — J Crocker — J. Head — E. Oliver
B. Austin Jr. — S. Gore — B. Hammatt Jr.
J Barrett — C. Gore — I Keith
N Bond — N. Greenough — W Shallack
J Boyle — S. Greenough — E Sigourney
T. Clarke — M. Grant — A. Windship

Nathan Bond President

W. Sam.l Emery having left the Commonwealth, left a Request with the Clerk, to be dismissed from this Society Voted That his request now communicated, be complied with

Voted That those Members of this Society who lost Buckets at the Fire in April last, and have replaced them, exhibit the Bills to the Treasurer who is directed to pay the same

John Fenno Clk

25th Oct. 1787 Prizes drawn in the Land Lottery published Oct 25.
Lot No. 758 — 320 Acres 19 Township N Division 45 Lot
759 — 160 do 39 do — do — do — 19 do
764 — 160 do 30 do — do — do — 20 do
765 — 320 do 20 do — E — do — 9 do

At a Meeting of the Relief Society Friday Evening December 5. 1787 at the American Coffee House held by Dudley Coleman President

Mess: S. W. Appleton, Sam[l] Gore, J. Hunt
John Barrett, Chris[r] Gore, J. Keith
S. Bond, S. Greenough, E. Oliver
John Boyle, N. Greenough, W. Shattuck
John Carnes, Moses Grant, E. Sigourney
Tho[s] Clark, B. Hammatt, A. Windship
Jos: Crocker, Jos: Head, J. Tenno

M[r] John Boyle President

Voted that a Committee be appointed to enquire at the Secretary's Office what Lots of Land are drawn in the late Lottery, situated in the same Townships with those drawn by this Society: and enquiry with respect to the value of the Lands; & whether any Exchanges can be made to advantage — S. Appleton & S. Bond are appointed

A Tenno proposed Doct[r] John Templeman for admission

Voted that he be balloted for this Evening notwithstanding the Articles to the Contrary notwithstanding ——

The Ballots being taken he was unanimously admitted

Voted that Mess[rs] Bond & Windship be a Committee to wait on D[r] Templeman & request his Company at Supper

John Tenno Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society
on Friday Evening March 7. 1755. at the Amer.
Coffee House kept by Dudley Colman.

Present.	J. Wappleton	Jos. Crocker	Jos. Head
	John Barnett	S. Gore	Js. Keith
	John Boyle	M. Grant	E. Oliver
	Step.n Bruce	S. Greenough	E Sigourney
	John Cairnes	N. Greenough	J Templeman
	Tho.s Clark	B. Hammatt	A Windship.

Mr. Stephen Bruce, President.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to make enquiries respecting the Lots of Land drawn by the Society in the Land Lottery reported, that the Business was in such a Situation that nothing decisive can at present be done.

This being the annual meeting when the Offices of the Society are to be chosen — it was, upon motion made & seconded
Voted That the Question Whether any Member shall be asked to serve as Clerk the Ensuing year. be determined by taking the Yeas & Nays — which being done, it passed in the Affirmative.
Upon which it was Voted That Mr. Fenno be requested to officiate in the Office — who accepted agreeably to the wish of the Society —
Voted That the Thanks of the Society be given to the Clerk for his services the year past.

The Votes for Treasurer being collected, Mr Grant was unanimously elected

Voted That Messrs. Barnett, Cairnes & Clarke be a Committee to examine the Treasurers & Clerks Accounts.

Voted That the Society will in June next, form a party for a Tour on the Water, in lieu of the Quarterly Meeting in that Month.

Voted That Messrs. Sigourney, S. Gore, S Greenough, Boyle & Clark be a Committee to make the necessary preparation & appoint the Day.

Mr Hichborn, this Evening, communicated by Mr Bruce, a Request to be dismissed from the Society

Voted That his Request be complied with, he was accordingly honourably, dismissed.

Voted That Mr Hichborn be invited to go with the Society upon the Water in June, & that the Clerk furnish him with a Copy of this Vote —

John Fenno, Clk

(66) At a Meeting of the Relief Society on board the Kingham packet off Gov.r Island June 13. 1788 —

Present John Barrell, Nathan Bond, John Boyle, John Carnes, Jos: Crocker, Thos Clarke, John Penno, Sam.l Gore, S. Greenough, N.r Greenough, W. Grant, B. Hammatt, Jos: Head, E. Oliver, W. Shattuck, J. Templeman, A Winthrop

W. John Carnes Junr. President

Israel Keith Esq. having removed from the Town requested the Clerk to ask a Dismission from the Society

Voted that he be dismissed accordingly

Voted that E. Battelle Esq. be dismissed agreeably to his request —

Voted that the Expences incurred upon the present occasion, be discharged by the Members on board — and that those absent be charged the same — accordingly Nine Shillings each, was agreed & paid —

Penno Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Relief Society held Friday Evening Sept 5. 1788 at the Coffee House kept by E. Colesha.

Present A Hopkinson, B. Austin Jun., J. Barrell, N. Bond, J. Boyle, S. Bruce, J. Clark, J. Carnes, J. Crocker, W. Grant, S. Gore, S. Greenough, N.r Greenough, B. Hammatt, J. Head, W. Austin, E. Oliver, E. Sparrow, W. Shattuck, A Winthrop

W. Joseph Crocker President

W. Austin having represented that he was fined twice for a Division in One Bucket. It was voted, for the reason offered, one of the fines should be remitted —

As W. Austin's present Buckets are not according to the Standard & are differently painted from those of the Society It was voted That he be directed to procure a new pair which shall conform to those of the Society in every respect & present to the next quarterly Meeting of the Society at which he is to charge to the Society as one of the same sort at attire —

The Committee on Accounts reported this Evening that they found the Accounts correct & just Shillings & pence Dr. to the Clerk 3/7 — In Treasury — 10.. 3 / Outstanding Arrearages — 14.18.. 6 } voted that the above Report be accepted

Penno Clk

The above Report included March 1788.

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the American Coffee House, kept by D Coleman Dec: 5. 1788

Present

J W Appleton	J. Clark	N. Greenough	E Sigourney
J. Barrett	J. Cairnes	H. Grant	H. Shattuck
J. Bond	J. Crocker	B. Hammatt	I. Templeman
J. Boyle	S. Gore	J. Head	I. Windship
S. Bruce	C. Gore	E. Oliver	

Mr Thomas Clark President

Doct. Appleton proposed Mr Robert Williams as a Candidate —

Voted that Mr Williams be balloted for this Evening any thing in the Articles notwithstanding —

The Vote being accordingly collected he was admitted unanimously —

Voted that Messrs Appleton, Bond & Sigourney form a committee to wait on Mr Williams, inform him of his admission & request his Company at Supper

Mr Williams was introduced accordingly

J Fennio Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the American Coffee House kept by D. Coleman on Friday Evening March 6th 1789.

Present	J. W. Appleton	S. Bruce	C. Gore	E. Oliver
	B. Austin Jr.	J. Cairnes	N. Greenough	E. Sigourney
	J. Barrett	J. Crocker	N. Greenough	H. Shattuck
	J. Bond	H. Grant	B. Hammatt	I. Templeman
	J. Boyle	S. Gore	J. Head	I. Windship

Mr Samuel Gore President.

This being the Annual Meeting, when the Officers of the Society are elected. Mr Clark drew Lot No. 2. and accepted the Office of Clerk, for the Year insuing. —

The Votes for Treasurer being Collected Mr Grant was Unanimously Chosen.

The Committee Appointed 4 December 1787 to inquire concerning the Lands drawn by this Society in the Eastern Sand Lottery, Report that by virtue of an Act passed the General Court the 20th June last, they have relinquished the title of the Society to the Lots they drew in the Lottery, & have got an equal Quantity viz. 960 Acres granted them in Township No 11 East Division in the Name of Charles Grant, in Company with Oliver Wendal and others. - This deed is signed by Nathl Wells, Leonard Jarvis & John Read Esqrs, a Committee Appointed by the General Court for that purpose.

Voted That the above Report be accepted & that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Committee. —

Voted That Mr Grant be requested to enquire the highest price He can obtain for the Lots belonging to the Society & report at the next Meeting.

Voted That the Society will on June next joyn a Party for a Tour on the Water in lieu of the Quarterly Meeting in that Month.

Voted That Messrs Sigourney, S. Gore, and S. Greenough be a Committee to make the necessary Preparation & appoint the

Voted That Messrs Head & Austin be a Committee to examin the Treasurer & Clerks Accounts.

T. Clark Rt

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society on board the Hingham Packet off Governors Island June 15th 1789

present

S. W. Appleton	S. Gore	Abm Hunt
John Barrett	N. Grant	Wm Shattuck
John Boyle	S. Greenough	E. Sigourney
Joseph Crocker	S. Greenough	J. Stimpleman
	B. Hannibal Jr	R. Williams

W. Moses Grant President.

W. Sigourney proposd Capt James Smith as a Candidate.

Voted that Capt Smith be balloted for this Morning, any thing in the Articles notwithstanding.

The votes being collected He was Unanimously admitted.

Voted that Mr. Sigourney inform Capt Smith of his Admission & request his company on board the Packet. Capt Smith was introduc'd accordingly.

Voted that the further business of this Meeting be postponed to the Meeting in September next, & that the Committee be directed to report at that time.

Jno. Clark, Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Soci
at the American Coffee House kept by Mrs
Coleman Friday Evening Sept 4. 1789

Present B. Austin Jr

N. W. Appleton	N. Grant	W. Shattuck
N. Bond	J. Gore	J. Templeman
J. Boyle	J. Greenough	A Windship
S. Bruce	N. Greenough	R. William
J. Carnes Jr	J. Head	T. Clark.
J. Crocker	E. Oliver	

Mr Head of the committee on Accounts repor
that the accounts of the Treasurer & Clerk for the
year past were correct. —

Mr Joseph Head President.

Mr J. Greenough proposd Mr Alex. R. Peters to become
a member of this Society. T. Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the
American Coffee House kept by D. Coleman
Friday Evening 4th December 1789

Present

N. W. Appleton	J. Crocker	W. Hammatt
J. Barrett	S. Gore	J. Head
N. Bond	E. Gore	A. Hunt
S. Bruce	N. Grant	E. Oliver
J. Boyle	J. Greenough	W. Shattuck
J. Carnes	N. Greenough	E. Sigourney
T. Clark	J. Templeman	A. Windship

Doctor Peters, proposd the last Meeting being balloted
for was Unanimously Admitted a Member of this So
Voted, that Mr J. Greenough Dr Windship & Mr Crock
be a Committee to wait on Dr Peters, inform him
of his Admission & request his company at the
T. Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall March 5th 1790—

Present—

W. Appleton	N. Grant	E. Sigourney
J. Barrett	S. Greenough	J. Smith
J. Bond	B. Hammatt	J. Templeman
J. Boyle	J. Head	A. Windship
J. Carnes	E. Oliver	R. Williams
J. Crocker	U. A. Peters	T. Clark
J. Gore	W. Shattuck	

Mr Samuel Greenough President

Voted that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Clerk for his services the year past, & request him to accept that of the year ensuing.—

Mr Grant was Unanimously Chosen Treasurer.

Mr Clark proposed Mr William Shaw as a Candidate to become a member of the Society

Voted, that the rules of this Society be so far dispenced with, as that Mr Shaw be balloted for this Evening.— Mr Shaw was Unanimously admitted.

Voted, That Messrs Clark, Crocker, & Smith, be a Committee to wait on Mr Shaw & request his Company at the Supper.

Voted that Messrs Bond, Boyle, & Oliver, be a Committee to Examin the Treasurer & Clerks Accts.—

Voted That our Meeting in June be on the Water, & that Messrs S Greenough Benj Hammatt & J Crocker be a Committee to make the Necessary preparations, & appoint the day.

T Clark Clk

(72) At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society on board the Hingham Packet Sloop Lincoln Master off Cohasset June 22 1790

Present

N. W. Appleton.	N. Grant	I. Head
I. Barrett	S. Gore	A. A. Peters
I. Boyle	C. Gore	E. Sigourney
N. Bond	S. Greenough	W. Shaw
I. Carnes	N. Greenough	A. Windship
I. Crocker	A. Hunt	R. Williams
T. Clark	B. Hammatt	

Wm Nath.l Greenough President.

Attest. T. Clark Clk.

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall September 3.d 1790

Present

N. W. Appleton	N. Grant	B. Hammatt
B. Austin	S. Gore	[illegible] Oliver
I. Barrett	C. Gore	A. A. Peters
I. Boyle	S. Greenough	W. Shattuck
S. Bruce	N. Greenough	J. Smith
I. Crocker	I. Head	W. Shaw
	R. Williams	A. Windship

Wm Benj.a Hammatt President

attest

T. Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall December 3d 1790.

Present Mess.rs

B. Austin Jr.	H. Grant	W. Shattuck
N. W. Appleton	S. Gore	E. Sigourney
J. Barrett	S. Greenough	
J. Boyle	N. Greenough	W. Shaw
N. Bond	A. Hunt	J. Templeman
J. Carnes	J. Head	R. Williams
J. Crocker	B. Hammatt Jr.	T. Clark.

W. Abraham Hunt President

attest T. Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall March 4th 1791 Present

N. W. Appleton	Jos. Crocker	W. Shattuck
J. Barrett	H. Grant	E. Sigourney
J. Boyle	S. Gore	Js. Smith
B. Hammatt	C. Gore	W. Shaw
J. Head	S. Greenough	N. Greenough
J. Carnes	E. Oliver	J. Templeman
T. Clark	A. A. Peters	

W.m Ebenr. Oliver President

Voted

That the Thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Clark, for his services as Clerk the year past & request his acceptance of that office the year ensuing.—

The Votes for Treasurer being Collected; Mr. Moses Grant was Unanimously elected to that Office.

Voted, that Messrs. Grant, Templeman & Hammatt be a committee to dispose of the Eastern Lands belonging to this Society this Evening; provided they can obtain a sum not less than fifty dollars for the whole & that the Treasurer be directed to purchase Ten Annual Tickets out of the proceeds.

Mr. Boyle of the committe appointed the last year to examin the Clerk accounts for the year preceding, reported that the same were right & just. — Voted, that the report be accepted, & that Messrs. Barrett, Boyle & Hammatt be a committee to examin the Clerks accounts the year past. —

Mr. Grant of the committee appointed this evening reported that they had sold the nine hundred & sixty acres Land, for seventy two dollars; & that he had purchased Ten Tickets in the State Lottery as directed. Nos. 13,246 to 13,255 inclusively

Voted, That our Meeting in June be on the 1st & that Messrs. Sigourney & Greenough & Hammatt be a committee to make the nessesary preparation, & appoint the day

attest

J. Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society on Board the Hingham Packet Jotham Lincoln Master off the Light House June 14th 1791

Present Mess^rs

I. Barrett	M. Grant	A. A. Peters
I. Boyle	S. Gore	E. Sigourney
N. Bond	B. Hammatt	W. Shaw
I. Crocker	I. Head	A. Windship
T. Clark	E. Oliver	

Dec^d. Alex^r A. Peters President

attest

T. Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Friday 2d Sept. 2. 1791

Present Mess^rs

B. Austin	I. Crocker	A. Hunt	A. A. Peters
N. W. Appleton	M. Grant	B. Hammatt	W. Shaw
I. Boyle	S. Gore	I. Head	A. Windship
S. Bruce	S. Greenough	E. Oliver	T. Clark
N. Bond	N. Greenough		

W. William Shaw President

The Treasurer reported that the ten Tickets purchased in March last had produced Twenty Eight dollars

voted That the Treasurer be requested to purchase one ticket in the 2. Class of the Semiannual State Lottery & pay the Cash in to the hands of the Clerk—

The committee appointed in March last to examin the Clerks Accounts, reported that the same were accurate & just—

attest T. Clark. Clk

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At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Dec 2. 1791

Present

Mess.r B. Austin Jr.	N. Bond	I. Head
N.W. Appleton	I. Barnes	E. Oliver
I. Barrett	I. Crocker	R. Sigourney
I. Boyle	M. Grant	I. Smith
I. Bruce	S. Greenough	W. Shaw
I. Clark	B. Hammatt	I. Templeman
N. Greenough		

Capt. James Smith President

Voted That the following words be annexed to the Eleventh Article of the Laws of this Society—viz "for each Neglect, and be notified until he does walk". ——

W. Clark proposed Capt. Thomas Hollis Condy as a Candidate to become a member of this Society —

attest

T. Clark Clk

March 2.d 1792.

Voted that our Meeting in June next be out of this Town: at some place in the Vicinity when the Committee to be chosen shall direct.

Voted that Mess.r Head Bruce & Barrett be a Committee for the above purpose.

Attest T. Clark Clk.

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall March 2d. 1792.

Present—

Messrs. B. Austin jr	J. Crocker	E. Oliver
J. W. Appleton	T. Clark	A. A. Peters
J. Barrett	S. Greenough	W. Shattuck
J. Boyle	N. Greenough	E. Sigourney
N. Bond	B. Hammatt	A. Hunt
J. Bruce	J. Head	W. Shaw.

W. William Shattuck — President

W. Clark having declin'd serving as Clerk the year insuing, Voted that the Thanks of the Society be given to him for his faithful Service in that Office.

Voted that W. Nath. Greenough be requested to serve the Society as their Clerk the Year Insuing——

W. Greenough Accepted the Office of Clerk——

Capt. Thos. H. Condy was Unanimously admitted a Member of this Society——

W. Crocker proposd Mr. John Jackson, W. Clark proposd W. William Bradford & W. S. Greenough proposd W. Benj. Dearborne as Candidates to become Members of the Society — Voted that the Article respecting Admitting members be dispenc'd with & that they be balloted for this Evening — they were all Admitted Members——— Voted that Messrs. Oliver, Crocker, Shaw, S. Greenough Dan. Appleton & Peters, be a Committee to wait on the Gentlemen admitted Members & request their Company at Supper——

Capt. Condy W. Bradford & W. Dearborne were introduced Accordingly.—

attest E. Clark Clk.

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall kept by James Vila June 5th 1792

Present

N. A. Appleton	F. H. Conday	E. Oliver
B. Austin Jr	W Grant	A. A. Peters
N. Bond	I. Gore	Wm Shattuck
J. Boyle	I. Greenough	J. Smith
I. Bruce	B. Hammatt	Wm Shaw
Wm Bradford	J. Head	A. Windship
J. Crocker	J. Jackson	

Mr Nathan Bond President

Voted That Messrs Appleton. Shaw & Austin be a committee to examine the former Clerks Acc and report at the next Meeting.

Voted In consideration of the circumstances, of Mr Abraham Hunt, made known by him, by letter this Evening; That a sum of Money, not exceeding Twenty Dollars, be appropriated to the Relief of his family. and that a committee be chosen to administer the same in a way they may think best calculated for the above purpose

Voted That Messrs Oliver & Bruce be this Committee, who are desired to call on the Clerk for the Money

Attest
Nath Greenough Cl.

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Kept by James Vila Sept^{r} 7th 1792

Present

B. Austin	M. Grant	John Jackson
J. Boyle	N. Gore	E. Oliver
J. Bruce	E. Gore	
Wm Bradford	J. Greenough	A. C. Peters
J. Carnes	N. Greenough	Wm. Shattuck
T. W. Condy	B. Hammatt	J. Smith
W. Dearborne	J. Head	Wm. Shaw
		A. Windship

Col^{o} John Boyle President

The Committee chosen last Meeting on Accounts not being ready, they were directed to report next Meeting

Voted That Mr Abraham Hunt, Attendance with the Society on Quarterly Nights &c. (Dispensed with agreable to his desire

Col^{o} Boyle proposed Mr James Leach as a Candidate

Attest
Nath^{l} Greenough Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Kept by James Vila Decem^{r} 4th 1792

Present Hon^{ble} N. W. Appleton

J. Boyle	W. Dearborn	E. Oliver
J. Bruce	M. Grant	J. C. Peters
Wm Bradford	N. Gore	Wm Shattuck
J. Carnes	E. Gore	J. Smith
T. W. Condy	J. Greenough	Wm Shaw
E. Clarke	B. Hammatt	A. Windship
	J. Head	
	J. Jackson	

Hon^{ble} William Bradford President

The Committe on Accounts, Chosen last June, to examine the former Clerks Accounts, Reported, That the same was Accurate and Just. And that he had paid the

Ballance £4. 9. 6½ which was in his hands to Nathaniel Gruenough the New Clerk ——

Voted that the above Report be Excepted ——

Colo Boyle requested Leave to with draw his Nomination of Mr James Leach. Made last Quarter Evening. and obtaind Leave for the same ——

Docter Windship Proposd Mr. John. Webb. Checkley. to become a Member of this Society. and moved that the rules of the Society be so far dispenced with as that a Ballot be taken this Evening. —— The Votes being accordingly collected he was admitted Unanimously ——

Voted that Messrs Windship. Boyle & Peters be a Committee to wait on Mr Checkley and inform him of his admission. and request his Company at Supper. Mr Checkley was introduced accordingly ——

Attest
Nath.l Gruenough Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society, at Concert Hall, Kept by James Vila, Friday Evening 1st March 1771

Present Nath.l W. Appleton
Benj.a Austin
P. Boyle
J. Bruce
Wm Bradford
J. Carnes
T. H. Condy
T. Clark
J. W. Checkley
M. Grant
S. Gore
B. Gore
J. Gruenough
B. Hammatt
Jos.h Head
J. Jackson
A. A. Peters
Wm Shattuck
J. Smith
Wm Shaw
A. Windship

Mr Thomas Clark President ——

This being the annual Meeting when the Clerk of the Society is to be chosen. It was Movd that the President request Mr Gruenough to serve again and Mr Gruenough declining

It was upon Motion made and seconded Voted
That each Member be asked whether he would serve as Clerk
the Current year: which being done, & all having refused
it was

Voted That Mr Nat Greenough be requested to officiate
in the office: who upon being solicited accepted
agreeably to the wish of the Society

Voted That a Committee be chosen to examine the Clerks
Accounts of Year past

Voted That Messrs William Shattuck Wm Bradford &
Mr Joseph Head be this Committee, and report at
the Next Meeting

Mr William Shaw proposed Mr Edward Blake to be
come a Member of this Society, and moved that
on account of the season of Year, he be balloted for
this evening. The Votes being accordingly collected he
was admitted Unanimously

Voted That a Committee be chosen to wait on Mr Blake
and acquaint him of his Admission and request
his Company at Supper

Voted That the Quarterly meeting in June next be on
board of a Convenient Vessell and that the Society
will then form a party on the Water

Voted That Messrs Head, Condy, N. Greenough & the Clerk
be a Committee to make the necessary prepara-
-tions &c

Voted That the Committee Invite Messrs John Barrell
Mr Joseph Crocker & Mr Elisha Sigourney
to go with the Society

Attest N. Greenough Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society on board the Bingham Packet Boston Harbor June 21st 1793

Present

J. Boyle	S. Gore	Alex.r Peters
W. Bradford	S. Greenough	J. Smith
T. Clark	B. Hammatt	Wm. Shaw
T. H. Condy	J.o Head	A. Windship
J. Wm. Chickley	E. Oliver	N. Greenough

Capt Tho.s H. Condy President

Nath.l Greenough Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Kept by James Vila Sept 6th 1793.

Present Nath.l W. Appleton, Benj.a Austin, John Boyle, Wm. Bradford, Edw.d Payne, John W. Chickley, T. Clark, N. Grant, S. Gore, S. Greenough, J.o Head, J. Jackson, Tho.s H. Condy, A. Peters, Wm. Shattuck, J. Smith, J. Tomlens, A. Windship, N. Greenough

N. Grant President

The Committee chosen last March to examine the Clarks Accounts report this Evening that they had attended the business of their Appointment and found the respective Accounts fair and accurate And that there was in the Clarks hands a balance of 7/19s and due from Delinquents £2.3.5

The Committee to Examine buckets bags &c Report that they found them in good order.

Voted that a Committee consisting of three be chosen to take into consideration a letter addressed the Society this Evening by Mr Benj.a Russell & Capt.n Thomas and report the next Quarter Meeting — Voted

Voted That Mr Chris Gore Doct Appleton & Thos Clark be the Committee

Voted That Mr John Jackson wait on Mr Percy Morton for the Ballance of his Account due the Society

Voted That Mr Dearborn's reasons given in his Letter this evening for withdrawing from the Society be sufficient. And that he be dismissed agreeable to his request. And on Motion made by Mr Clark & Seconded by other Gentlemen it was

Voted That the same attention be paid to Mr Dearborn's Interest in case of its being indanger by Fire as to any Members of the Society

Attest
Nath Greenough
Clk

At a Meeting of The Relief Fire Society Friday Evening Decemb 6th 1793 at Concert Hall

Present

President	J. Boyce	M. Grant	E. Oliver
Mr Jam's Gore	Wm Bradford	S. Gore	A. A. Peters
	E. Blake	C. Gore	Wm Shattuck
	J. Carnes	J. Greenough	a. Windship
	T. Clark	N. Greenough	J. W. Chickery
	T. T. Condy	J. Head	
		J. Jackson	

Mr Jackson appointed last Meeting to wate on Mr Percy Morton for his ballance Reported that he had received the same £7. 5. 3 which he was ready to pass to the Clerk. and accordingly paid

Voted That the thanks of the Society be given Mr Jackson for his service in the above business.

The Committee chosen last Quarter Meeting to Consider on the Letter addrest the Society from the Charitable Fire Society; Report that they had attended that business, and proposed the following answer

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Gentlemen

Boston Decr 6 1779

The Chief Fire Society acknowledge the receit of your favor of August 26th in desiring the Plan of a Charitable Fire Society. which has been duly considerd, and received their entire Approbation — Many of their Members express a desire of becoming Members of the Charitable Fire Society, and will take an early Opportunity of proposing themselves ——

Voted The above Letter be sent by the Clerk to the Charitable Fire Societys ——

Voted That the Society make a Present to the Revd Abraham Hasket's Widdow of Twenty five Dollars; and that Mess. Edmund Jackson, Jno Ebez Olives. & Mr John Carter be a committee to Deliver the Same

Voted Amos Windship be Proposed for Admission a Member Mr Amos Crosby ——

Voted Nath. Greenough

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society Friday Evening March 7th. 1794. at Concert Hall.—

Present Messrs.

N. W. Appleton	N. Grant	E. Oliver
B. Austin Jun	S. Gore	A. A. Peters
J. Boyle	C. Gore	W. Shattuck
J. Barnes	N. Greenough	I. Smith
T. Clark	I. Iliad	W. Shaw.
T. H. Condy	I. Jackson	
J. W. Chubbuck.		

Christ. Gore Esq. President.

The Society proceeded agreable to the Article for the Choice of a Clerk, when the Lot fell on Doct. Amos Winship — he being absent the drawing was renewed when Mr Thomas Clark drew the fortunate No. 1. & accepted the Office. ——

Mr. Amos Crosby who was proposed a Candidate at the last meeting, being balloted for; was Unanimously Admitted a Member. — — — — —

Voted, That the Thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Nath. Greenough, for his services as Clerk. —

Voted, that Messrs. Condy, Jackson, & Shattuck be a Committee to Examin the late Clerk Acct. —

The Committee Appointed to wait on Mr. Hunt, with Twenty five dollars from the Society — Reported that they had attended that service — that they had paid the money as directed, & received the Grateful Acknowledgments of Mr. Hunt, for the donation. — — — —

Voted, that Messrs. Iliad Boyle & S. Gore be a Committee to appoint some place in the Vicinity of this Town, for our Meeting in June next. — attest T. Clark, Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society
at the House of Peter Hill in Chelsea
July 22d 1794. present Mess.rs

Boyle	Condy	J. Greenough
Bruce	Chubley	S. Greenough
Bradford	Clark	Head
Blake	Grant	Oliver
Ward	Gore	Smith
Carlton	Hall	Thacher

Mr Allen Jackson Windship

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society
at Concert Hall Friday Ev.g Sept.r 5th 1794

Present Mess.rs

Austin	Carnes	Grant	Head
Boyle	Clark	S. Gore	Oliver
Bruce	Condy	J. Greenough	Shattuck
Bradford	Chubley	S. Greenough	Windship
Blake	Crosby	Hammatt.	

Doct.r Amos Windship President.

Mr Head proposed that Mr Jeremy Belknap should be balloted for, as a Member of this Society this Evening — The Society Voted to proceed & Mr Belknap was unanimously Admitted a Member.

Voted that Mess.rs Head and Condy be a Committee to inform Mr Belknap of his admission & request his company at supper.

attest J. Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Friday Eve'g Dec. 5th 1794.

Present Mess^rs		
Boyle	J. Gore	Jackson
Blake	C. Gore	Lewis
Carnes	J. Greenough	Smith
Condy	N. Greenough	Shaw
Clark	Hammatt	Winthrop
Grant	Head	Crosby
		Belknap

Mr Benj^a Hammatt President.

Mr Blake proposed Mr Handfast Smith, & Mr Shaw proposed Mr James J. Lovell as Members of the Society — on Motion,

Voted that the rules of the Society be so far dispensed with, as that the Gentlemen proposed should be balloted for this Evening ——

The Ballots being collected they were both Unanimously admitted Members of the Society.

Voted, That Committees be appointed to wait on the Gentlemen, inform them of their admission & request their Company at Supper.

The Gentlemen being particularly engaged could not attend. ——

attest J. Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall March 6th 1795

present Mess.

Austin	Clark	C. Gore	Lovell
Boyle	Condy	S. Greenough	Oliver
Bradford	Checkley	N. Greenough	Shattuck
Blake	Crosby	Hammatt	Shaw
Belknap	Grant	Hiad	S. Smith
Barnes	J. Gore	Jackson	Winthrop

Col. John Boyle President.

Voted Amos Winthrop accepted the Office of Clerk for the year ensuing. ——

Mess.rs Boyle & Oliver were appointed a committee to examin the Clerks Acct. for the year past. —

Voted that our Meeting in June next in this Town be dispensed with, & that Mess.rs Clark Jackson & Condy be a Committe to appoint the time & place of our next Meeting. —

attest S. Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at the House of John Hill in Chelsea July 1795 — Present — Mess^rs —

B. Austin
J. Boyle
Wm. Bradford
J. Bellknap
T. Clark
JH Condy
JW Chickley
M. Grant
N. Ingersoll
S. Gore —
J. Hard —
J. Jackson —
J. S. Lovell —
E. Oliver —
W. Shattuck

Attest — N. Windship. Clk

J. B. Mr. William Shattuck President —

At a Meeting of the Boston Fire Society at Concert Hall 4th Sept. 1795

Mr. William Shaw President

Members Present.

Jno. Boyle	B. Hammat
Edw. Blake	J. Head
J. Belknap	J. Jackson
Thos. Clark	J. S. Lovell
S. H. Cordy	E. Oliver
J. W. Chuckley	W. Shaw
M. Grant.	J. Smith
S. Gow	R. Williams
N. Greenough	

A Letter was Red. from Mr. Christopher Gow requesting a dismission from the society. which was agreed to — a Motion was made by Mr. Jackson & agreed to — that the next meeting be on Saturday to dine, instead of Supping — Voted that Mr. Clark be requested to wait on Mrs. Appleton & inform her that the Fire Club of which her late Husband was a member should be paid the same attention & as formerly —

attest S. Windship. Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall 6th December 1795 —

Mr. James Smith President. —

Members Present —— Viz ——

B. Austin
J. Boyle
W. Bradford
Ed. Blake.
J. Belknap
J. Barnes—
T. Clark.
J.W. Checkley
M. Grant.
S. Gard—
Jr. Grenough
B. Hammett.
J. Head —
J. Jackson
C. Oliver—
S. Smith

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Attest A. Windship Clk.

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At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society held at Concert Hall on Friday Evening 4th March 1796 —

Mr. Attaind Sartwell — President

Members present	Mbrs
B Austin —	N Grant
W Bradford	S Gore —
E Blake	N Greenough
J Belknap	B Hammatt —
J Boyle	J Head —
J Barnes	J Jackson
S Clark	J S Lovell
J W Checkley	E Oliver
J Smith	W Shattuck
	W Shaw —

Col°. John Boyle accepted the Office of Clerk for the ensuing year — Voted that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the Accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary — when the following persons were chosen — Viz^t Col°. J Boyle Benj°. Austin jr. and Jn°. Webb Checkley —

Voted that Mr. James S Lovell be remitted his Fines on paying twenty Shillings — provided he furnishes himself previous to the next Meeting of the Society, otherwise the whole Fine will be demanded —

Attest

John Webb Checkley
Clk P. T. —

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At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society, held at Concert Hall on Friday Evening June 3d. 1796.

M. John Webb Cheeckley, President.

Members present, viz.

Boyle	Nat. Greenough
Bradford	Head
Belknap	Jackson
Cheeckley	S. Smith
Grant	Shaw
Gore	Shattuck
Austin	

Voted, That the Clerk notify one quarter part of the Members of the Club, in their turn, to walk with him to view Buckets & Bags.

Voted, That ~~no petition~~ no excuse be admitted in future for Fines incur'd by a breach of the Articles, except in case of Sickness, or absence from town on a Journey.

Attest,

John Boyle, Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society held at Concord Hall, Friday Sept. 2. 1796.

W. Jeremiah Belknap President.

Members present, viz.

Curtin	Greenough
Boyle	Hemenway
Belknap	Jackson
Eaton	Oliver
Hezekiah	Shattuck
Clark	Smith, Standish
Grant	Shaw
Gore	

W. Greenough proposed Mr. Obadiah Thayer, to become a Member of this Society

Voted, That the Fines due to the Society from the late Mr. Sam. Greenough, deceased, be remitted and that the Clerk be directed to ballance his Acct. accordingly.

Attest.

Wm. Boyle Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall on Friday Dec. 2d 1796.

M. William Bradford Pres:t

Members Present.

Austin	Greenough
Boyle	Hammatt
Bradford	Head
Belknap	Jackson
Barnes	Oliver
Clarke	Smith Handspart
Cheeckley	Shaw
Grant	Windship

M. Obadiah Thayer was unanimously admitted a Member of this Society — Messrs Greenough & Clark chosen a Committee to invite him to supper.

Doctor Windship propos'd Messrs. Wm. P Robert and Graham to become Members. — M. Austin propos'd M. Samuel Hews also to be a Member.

Attest, John Boyle Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at Concert Hall, on Friday Evening March 3.d 1794.

Capt. Thomas Clark, President.

Members Present

Austin	Hammatt
Boyle	Head
Bradford	Jackson
Belknap	Lovell
Clark	Oliver
Cheeckley	Prattuck
Grant	Stand. Smith
Gore	Shaw
Greenough	Thayer

W.m Cheeckley proposed W.m Jon.e F. Sleeper to become a Member of this Society.

W.m Obadiah Thayer chosen Clerk in the room of

Attest

J. Boyle Clerk.

Messr.s Belknap, Prattuck
Oliver, S Smith,
Hammatt, Carnes
Gore, Shaw &
Grant, were fined
one Dr. No. 1, and paid
their fines for not serving
as Clerk. Attest,

J. Boyle Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at Concert Hall, on Friday Evening June 2. 1797

Col: John Boyle, President

Present

Messrs Austin	Barnes	Greenough
Boyle	Clark	Hammatt
Bradford	Checkley	Head
Blake	Grant	S. Smith
Belknap	Gore	Shattuck
		Thayer

A Billet being read from Mr Jackson requesting the Society to consider him no longer a Member, it was —— Voted That Mr John Jackson have leave agreeable to his request to withdraw himself from the Society

Mr Jon: F. Sleeper - Admitted a Member of this Society —

Messrs William P. & Robert Graham were also admitted Members of this Society —

Voted. That Mr Checkley & Mr Austin be a Committee to wait on the Gentlemen admitted this Evening & request their company at Supper ——

Mr Thayer Proposed Mr Bradstreet Story to become a Member of this Society, agreeably to his request Attest Obadiah Thayer, Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Society at Concert Hall, Friday Evening 1st September 1797

Present

Mess.rs

Boyle	Grant	S. Smith
Bradford	Gore	Williams
Blake	Greenough	Shaw
Belknap	Hammatt	Austin
Clark	Head	Mayer
Checkley	Oliver	

Mr. Joseph Head President—

Mr. Bradstreet Story having stood a candidate the customary time. The ballots being collected he was unanimously admitted a Member of this Socio.

Voted. That a Committee be chosen to wait on Mr Story to invite him to Supper.—

Voted. That Mr Boyle & Mr Belknap be that Commt.

Voted. That Mr Shaw be excused his June for absence in consequence of his residing out of Town—

Votes That the Clerk be directed to make out Capt James Smiths notification for our next Meeting and on and not meeting with us for some time past consequence of his residing out of Town, it be made to Capt Smith, with a Copy of our 15th standing Article.

Voted That the Clerk be directed to pay a Balance demanded by Mr John Hill of Chelsea, [illegible] on Account of a Dinner furnished the Society in July 1795— provided the demand appears to be just.

Mr Williams observed that as he now stood charged with a
mber of fines for absence &c. which had been made against
m, while he was abroad, that at the time of his departure
requested to be continued a Member without being subject
fines, as he should leave no property in Town to protect;
ich was consented to by the Society —— Some of the
ntlemen present recollecting the circumstance, (tho' no re-
d was made on the Books) it was agreed, that his
es should be remitted accordingly ——

Attest Obadiah Thayer. Clerk

At a meeting of the Relief Society a Concert Hall,
Friday evening 1st December 1797—

Present

Wesp. Belknap	Gore	Story
Bayle	Grant	Williams
Eames	Greenough	Bradford
Checkley	Oliver	Thayer
Clark	Sleeper	Nammatt

Wm Gore President

A Letter having been recd from Capt James
Smith in answer to the Clerks communication agreeable to
a Vote of the Society at their meeting in Septem: last; in w
Capt Smith conveyed his Idea of his present connection with

the

the Society, he says, That some time since a motion was made, seconded, & passed by Vote of the Society, that on Account of his living out of Town, he should be exempt from all fines & Assessments, except when he should meet with the Society — No record of such a Vote appearing on the Book, & it being some time since; the Gentlemen present when it passed, that were present in September, had quite forgotten it — but upon Capt Smith's Letter being read, clearly recollected it — It was therefore ~~voted~~ moved, seconded, and

Voted — That the Monies so honourably, and chearfully sent by Capt S, to pay the Fines, charges against him, be returned to him, & that he be requested to consider himself a member of the Society, upon the terms he has stated, so long as he shall reside out of Boston, & not exclude a resident in the Town, from whom the Society may derive a greater benefit than they possibly can from a nonresident, & that the Clerk be directed to transmit him a Copy of the doings of the Society this Evening, on the subject of his Letter, & also that he be ~~voted~~ invited to give them the pleasure of his Company at their future meeting as often as convenient —

Attest Obadiah Thayer — Clerk

Mr Winship having been absent three meetings successively was particularly notified thereof agreeably to the 15th Article — O. Thayer Clerk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall - 2 March 1798

Present Mess^rs

Austin	Gore	Shaw
Belknap	Grant	Slicher
Boyle	Greenough	Story
Bradford	Hammatt	Thayer
Checkley	Oliver	Williams
Clarke	Shattuck	

Mr Robert Williams President

Voted That Mess^rs Jos^h Head, Standfast Smith, & Edw^d Blake, be dismissed from the Society agreeably to their request, severally made to the Clerk, & communicated to the Society, at our meeting in Decem^r last —

This being the annual meeting when the Clerk for the Year ensuing is chosen Mr Thayer was requested to serve another Year, he declining recourse was had to the rules of the Society when Mr Bradstreet Story drew Lot No 1 & paid his fine. the drawing was renewed & Mr Jn^o W Checkley drew the fortunate number & accepted the office —

Voted That Mr Tho^s Clark, Mr J Belknap & Mr W. Shaw. be a Committee to examine Mr Boyle's & Mr Thayer's accounts, as Clerk's

Voted That Mr Austin's fine for wanting bags at the examination in Decem^r be remitted - as they were in use at a Fire which happened two Days before

Continued

Proceeding of meeting 2 March 1798 Continued

It was moved, seconded, and

Voted That Mr Wm Shaw (now residing out of Town) stand connected with this Society upon the same footing & terms, as Capt James Smith

The Committee of Accounts chosen this evening reported, that Mr Boyle's Accounts is free from Error —

Voted. That our regular meeting in June next be dispensed with - & that in stead of which, we will form a parties on the Water

Voted That Messrs T. Clark, J. Belknap & J. Boyle, be a Committee to make the necessary preparations, & appoint the day

Voted. That the Society shall not hereafter be chargable with any Bed keys lost at Fires, by any of its' members - any former Vote of the Society to the contrary, notwithstanding —

Attest Obadiah Thayer

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society on Board Dillaways Boat in Boston Harbour 23d May 1798 —

Present —

Wm. Boyle
Belknap
Clark
Gore
Hammatt
Sleeper
Story
Thayer
Williams
Checkley.

Mr Benjamin Hammatt jun. President.

Attest
Jn.o Webb Checkley Clk

The Club did not meet in September owing to the prevailing Sickness in Town a majority of the Members agreeing to the same on application of the Clerk —

J W C

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Friday 7th Decem.r 1798 —

Present —

Wm. Boyle
Belknap
Clark
Checkley
Grant
Greenough
Gore
Hammatt
Oliver
Sleeper
Story
Thayer
Williams
Austin

Mr Ebenezer Oliver, President —

The Committee appointed to

Bags Buckets &c.ª, Report they were found in Order — Mr. Checkley proposed Mr. Robt G Shaw to become a Member of this Society Capt. Thomas Clark mov'd that the Rules of the Society be so far dispensed with, that he be balloted for this Evening — the ballot being taken, he was unanimously elected Voted, That a Committee be chosen to wait on Mr. R G Shaw & request the favor of his Company at Supper this Evening Mess.ª Belknap & Story were chosen for a Committee for the purpose — Mr. Shaw being previously engag'd could not attend

The Committee for inspecting the Clerks Accounts report they have attended that duty, & find them Correct to June last, a balance of $1. 42 Cents remaining in his hands —

Attest.

Jn.º Webb Checkley
Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Friday Evening December 6th 1799

Mr. C. Thayer President

President Mess.rs

Boyle	Hammatt	R G Shaw
Bradford	Belknap	Thayer
Clark	Sleeper	Wright
Grant	Story	Fore
Greenough	N. Shaw	

The Committe for the Institution

& Buckets & Bags reported that they found all those articles in good order ——

Voted that the Office of Clerk become Vacant by the Death of Mr John W. Buckley be supplied for the remainder of the Year by Lot ——
the Lot No 1. being drawn by Thomas Clark, he accepted that Office ——

Voted — that in case of the Death of the Clerk — it shall be the duty of the person who last served in that Office to Notify the Society of their next Quarterly Meeting — That this vote be copied into the Standing Articles of the Society ——

attest Tho: Clark Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Friday Evening March 7th 1800 —

Present	Mess.rs	
Boyle	Greenough	R. Shaw
Bradford	Hammatt	Thayer
Belknap	Oliver	Wright
Grant	Sleeper	
Gore	W. Shaw	

Mr Obadiah Wright President —

The Committee that Inspected Buckets & Bags reported that they found all in Order

Mr Clark Proposed Mr Thomas Austin
to become a Member of this Society —
Mr Sleeper proposed Dan'l Aug Ballard —
Voted that the two Gentlemen be balloted for this
Evening — the Vote being taken they were both
Unanimously Admitted —
Voted that Mess.rs R.G. Shaw Sleeper & Clark be
a Committee to wait on Mess.rs Austin
& Ballard inform them of their Admiss
-ion & request their Company at Supper
Mess.rs Austin & Ballard were Introduced
Accordingly —
Voted that the next Quarterly Meeting
be on board a Kingsman Packet or
some other Good Vessel — & that Mess.rs
Bellknap Clark & Greenough be a
Committee to make the necessary
Arrangements & Appoint the day —
Mr. Sleeper drew Lot No 1 & Accepted
the Office of Clerk for the Year ensuing
attest J. Clark 2d

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society on a Hingham Packet in Boston Harbour — June 1800 —

Mr Bradstreet Storey President

Members present

Messrs Clark	Bullard	Austin
Boyle	Greenough	Thayer
Gow	Bullough	
Hammat	Wright	
Williams	Storey	
	Smith	

Previous to going on Board the Boat the Ballots were taken for Messrs Alexander & McNeil to become members of the Relief Fire Society who were unanimously accepted and Dr Bullard and Mr Austin were chosen a Committee to wait on them an inform their attendance — They were accordingly introduced —

The Committee appointed to examine Buckets and Bags reported that all were in order

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society on the first Friday Evening in Sept. 1800

present Messrs. Boyle Bullough Clark Grant Gow Greenough Hammatt Storey Shaw Thayer Williams Wright Bullard Austin Alexander McNeil & Bradford

Mr William Bradford President

The Committee appointed to examine Buckets &c reported that they found all in good order

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society Dec. 6th 1800

Present Mess^rs Alexander, Boyle, Bullard, Bellknap, Clark, Grant, Greenough, Gore, Hammatt, Storey, R.G. Shaw, M^c Neil, Thayer, Wright, Williams

Mr R.G. Shaw President

The Committe that Inspected Buckets &c. are reported that they found them all in Good order —

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society Friday Evening March 6th 1801.

Present — Mess^rs

Austin, Alexander, Boyle, Bellknap, Bullard, Grant, Gore, Greenough, M^c Neil, Storey, R.G. Shaw, Thayer, Williams, Wright, Clark

Doct Asa Bullard President.

In consequence of Mr Austin having removed from this Town & requested to enter the proceedings of the two last Meetings it was Voted

that Mr Clark be requested to make the Usual Entries this Evening —

Dock. Asa Bullard was Chosen Clerk for the year Ensuing. —

The Committee who Inspected the Buckets &c Reported that they found them all in Good order —

Messrs Boyle Thayer & Wright were chosen a Committe to examin the Clerk. Accounts for the last Year

attest T. Clark Ch P. T.

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Conrad Hall on Friday Evening June 5th 1801. — Present Messrs

Austin	Clark	M.Neill	Wright
Alexander	Grant	W. Shaw	R Gyshaw
Boyle	Gore	Thayer	Bullard
Bilknap	Greenough	Williams	

Mr. Edward Alexander President

The Committee who inspected the Buckets. Bags &c. reported, that they found them all in good order

Attest Asa Bullard Clk.

Mr. Joseph Aiken was proposed by A Bullard to be a member of this Society

attest A Bullard Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall on Friday Evening Sept.r 4th 1801

President Col. John Boyle

Present Messrs
Austin — Clark — Hammatt — Williams
Alexander — Grant — McNiell — Wright
Boyle — Gore — Rylshaw
Belknap — Greenough — Thayer

Mr Joseph Aiken having been proposed at the last meeting by Dr. Bullard —

Voted — That Mr Aiken be balloted for this evening —

The vote being taken, Mr Aiken was admitted a member of this Society.

Voted — That, Messrs Alexander & Austin be a Committee to wait on Mr. Aiken, & inform him of this vote and request the favour of his company to supper Mr. A. was accordingly introduced.

Voted — That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the expediency of altering the Fines, & to report at the next meeting.

Messrs Thayer, Clark, & Greenough were chosen a Committee for the above mentioned purpose.

Attest A. Bullard Cl.

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall on Friday evening Dec.r 4th 1801. President Mr Sam.l Gore —

Members present. Messrs Aiken, Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Belknap, Grant, Greenough, Hammatt, McNiell, Rylshaw, Thayer, Williams, Wright.

The Committee appointed in Sept.r to consider the expediency of [illegible]

the fines, &c. reported as follows; viz. That the Clerk, for neglect of duty as expressed in the 5th Article, shall pay not less than 50 cents, nor more than four dollars. Members absent at Roll call per 7th Article, shall pay 25 cents, & for absence the whole evening, one dollar.
Article 8th For buckets, bags &c out of place, two dollars
Article 11th For not attending the examination of the buckets, bags &c. one dollar & fifty cents for each neglect.
Article 13th Each new member shall pay for articles one dollar.
Any member, having lost or worn out his articles, may receive new ones for which he shall pay 50 cents.
Each member, for not producing articles complete at each quarterly meeting, shall pay 50 cents
Voted, that the above report be accepted.
Voted. that the articles be altered agreeable to the above vote

Attest A Bullard clerk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall Friday evening March 5th 1802
President Mr J. Belknap. Present, Messrs Aiken, Alexander, Austin, Belknap, Boyle, Bullard, Clark, Gore, Grant, Hammatt, McNiell, Thayer, Williams Wright. The Committee reported that the buckets, bags &c were found in good order.
Voted. That the thanks of this Society be returned to Dr Bullard for his services as Clerk for the year past; and that he be requested to serve the Society as Clerk the ensuing year, to which request, he consented.
Voted. That the ballot for Mr John E Tyler be taken this evening, and the votes being examined, Mr. Tyler was unanimously chosen a member.
Voted. That Messrs Clark and Alexander be a Committee to wait on Mr Tyler, inform him of his admission, & request his company at Supper.
Voted. That Messrs Boyle, Thayer & Clark be a Committee to examine the Clerks accounts, & report the same at the next meeting. That the next meeting of this Society be at Mr Vila's Hall in Watertown, & that Messrs Clark, Boyle and McNiell be the Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

attest A Bullard Clk

Saturday, June 26th 1802. Agreeable to a Vot. passed last meeting, met at Vila's Hall in Watertown. — President, Capt. Thos. Gore Esq.

Members Present.

Messrs.	Atkins,	M'Neil,
	Austin,	Story,
	Alexander,	Shaw,
	Boyle,	Thayer,
	Belknap,	Williams.
	Grant,	Wright.
	Gore,	

Asa Bullard
Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Society at Convers Hall
Sept. 3. 1809. Mr. Sam. Gore President
Members present were, Messrs. Atkins, Alexander, Boyle,
Bishop, Gore, Hammat, M'Neil, Story, Thayer.
the Committee, appointed at the last Meeting, to examin
the Clerks accounts, reported; that they had attended the service
examination, and found the accounts correct and well attested.
On the request of Mr. Greenough to suspend his attendance
the Society, Voted, that his Quarterly fine be remitted, &
the Clerk be requested to inform him of this vote, and tende
to him the best wishes of the Society, for his future prosperity
and happiness, and their prompt assistance, if at any
time he should, unfortunately, be endangered by fire.
attest, Asa Bullard Clk.

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Convers Hall
Friday Dec. 3d 1802 Mr. B. Hammatt
Members present were Messrs. Austin, Alexander, Boyle, Clark
Grant, Gore, Story, Shaw, Thayer, Tyler, Wright.
Attest B. Ham

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall on Friday evening March 4th 1803. Mr. Bradstreet Storey P-t

Members present were Messrs Austin, Alexander, Boyle, Belknap, Clark, Grant, Gore, Hammatt, M'Neill, Storey, Thayer, Tyler, Williams, Wright.

The committee appointed to inspect the buckets, bags &c. reported, that they were all in good order.

Voted. That, Mr. Joseph Aiken be permitted to withdraw his attendance on the Society, agreeable to his request, and that all charges, against him, be remitted.

Voted. That, the thanks of the Society be presented to the Clerk for his services during the year past, and that he be requested to serve the Society the year ensuing.

Voted. That, Messrs Boyle, Thayer, and Storey be a committee to examine the Clerks, &c. & settle the same for the year past.

Attest Asa Bullard Clerk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Concert Hall on Friday evening June 4th 1803

Mr. O. Thayer President

The Members present, were Messrs Austin, Alexander, Boyle, Belknap, Grant, Gore, Hammatt, M'Neill, Storey, R G Shaw, Thayer, Tyler, Williams, Wright.

The Committee appointed to inspect the buckets, bags, &c. reported them in good order.

The Committee appointed in March to examine the Clerks accounts for the year past, reported that they had made the necessary examination, & found them sufficiently correct & well vouched.

Voted. That the Society dispense with their regular meeting on first Friday evening in Sept.r & meet on the first Saturday at 2 O'Clock attest Asa Bullard Clerk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Convent Hall on
Saturday Sept.r 3.d 1803 Capt. Thomas Clarke Pr.

Members present were Messr.s Alexander. Boyle. Belknap. Clarke
Grant, Gore. Hammatt. M.Neill. Bradstreet. Shaw. Tyler.
Wright.

The Committee who inspected the buckets. bags &c. reported that
they were all found in good order

Attest Asa Bullard Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Convent Hall Dec.r
2.d 1803. President Mr. Gore

Members present were Messr.s Alexander, Boyle, Belknap, Grant.
Gore, Hammatt, Shaw, Thayer, Williams, Wright.

The committee to inspect the buckets. bags &c. reported them
to be in good order.

Voted. that the fines for absence in Sept.r 3.d 1803 be remitted.

attest Edward Alexander Clk pro

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Convent Hall on
Friday Evening March 2.d 1804 Mr. Obadiah Thayer Pr.

Members Present were Messrs. Austin. Alexander. Boyce. Belknap.
Clarke. Grant. Gore. Thayer. Tyler. Williams. Wright.

The Committee for inspecting the buckets, bags &c. reported,
that all those articles were found in good order. ——

Voted. That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Bullard for
his services as Clerk the year past, & that he be requested to serve
the society the ensuing year, to which he readily consented

Mr. Clark. Mr. Boyle. & Mr. Belknap were chosen a Committee to examine the Clerk's accounts. —

Dr. Cyrus Perkins was proposed by Dr. Bullard. & Mr. Thomas Marshall By Mr. Obadiah Thayer as Candidates for admission as Members of this Society. — .

Voted. That the Standing articles be dispensed with, & that the Gentlemen be balloted for this evening — & upon collecting the ballots, it was found, that they were both unanimously admitted. —

Voted. That the Gentlemen be invited to supper, & that Messrs Bullard, Alexander, & Williams be a Committee to wait on Doctr. Perkins. & that Messrs Thayer, Clark, & Belknap be a Committee to wait on Mr. Marshall — The Gentlemen were accordingly introduced. —

Voted. That the Society Dine in June next instead of supping, & that a Committee of three be appointed to determine the time & place of dining. — —

Voted. That the Society form a party on the Water in June, & that Messrs Clark, Boyle, & Belknap be a Committee to appoint the day, & make the necessary provisions & arrangements.

Attest — — — A. Bullard Clk

At a Meeting of The Relief Fire Society on board a Packet head of Long Wharf June 18th. 1804. Col. John Boyle President

Members present were Messrs Austin, Alexander, Boyle, Belknap Bradstreet, Clarke, Grant, Gore, Hammatt, Marshall, Perkins, Tyler Williams, Wright.

The Committee for inspecting the buckets, bags &c. reported that those articles were found in good order

Attest A. Bullard Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Vila's Hall
in Court Street September 7th 1804

Mr. Jere.h Belknap Sr.

The Members present were Messrs Austin, Alexander, Boyle,
Belknap, Clark, Grant, Gore, Hammatt, D. S. Bradstreet,
Thayer, Wright, Marshall, Perkins —
The Committee who examined the buckets, bags &c.
Reported, that they were all found in good order —

Attest Wm Bullard Clk

At a Meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Vila's Hall
Court Street Friday evening 7th December 1804 —

Presedent Sam.l Gore

The members present were Messrs Alexander, Boyle,
Belknap, Grant, Gore, Hammatt, Bradstreet, Shaw,
Smith, Thayer, Williams, Wright, Perkins, Marshall.
The Committee who examined the buckets, bags &c. reported, that
they were all found in good order —
At the request of Mr W.H. McNeill, viz. that he may
still be considered a member of the society, notwithstanding
he had been absent to meetings —
Voted, That the Society will give him every assistance in
their power, in case he shall be in danger by fire,
but cannot absolutely consider him a member unless
he shall regularly attend to the Laws —
Voted, That in consequence of his misfortune, his fine
be remitted. —

Attest Wm Bullard Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Vila's Hall in Court Street March 1st. 1805

Dudley L. Bradstreet Pres.

Members present. Messrs Austin, Alexander, Boyle, Belknap, Clark, Grant, Gore, Hammatt, Bradstreet Thayer, Williams, Wright, Marshall.

The committee appointed to inspect the buckets. bags &c. report that those articles were found in good order.

Voted. That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Bullard for his services as Clerk the last year, & that he be requested to serve the ensuing year. & he accepted —

Voted. That Capt Clark. Col. Boyle. & Mr. Belknap be a committee to examine the Clerks accounts.

Voted. That the Society meet on the Water in June next.

Voted. That Capt Clark, messrs Belknap & Thayer be a committee to make provision & appoint the time for meeting on the water.

Bullard Clerk

At a meeting of the Relief Society on board a Weymouth Packett. head of Long Wharf 24th May 1805.

Capt James Smith Presid.

Members present, Mr. Gore, Grant, Alexander, Hammatt, Wright, Smith, Thayer, Marshall, Bradstreet, Clarke, Belknap. —

The committee of inspection report the buckets. bags &c. all in good order.

The committee to examine the Clerks accounts attended to that duty

attest Asa Bullard Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Vila Hall in Court Street — Friday Evening Sept.r 6th. 1805.

Doct.r Cyrus Perkins Presid.t

Members present. Messrs. Boyle, Belknap, Bradstreet, Clark, Gore, Austin, Hammatt, Thayer, Williams, Wright, Perkins.

The examining committee report, that the buckets, bag &c. were all in good order.

Voted. That Mr. R. G. Shaw be dismissed agreeable to his particular request. Asa Bullard Clerk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Vila's Hall in Court Street, Friday Evening Dec.r 6 1805.

Mr. Robert Williams V.r Pres.t

Members present were Messrs. Austin, Alexander, Boyle, Belknap, Grant, Gore, Hammatt, Marshall, Smith, Perkins, Williams, Wright.

The Committee of examination report, that the buckets, bags &c. were found in good order.

Attest Asa Bullard Clerk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society on Friday Evening March 7th. 1806. at Vila's Hall.

Mr. Obadiah Wright Pres.t

Members present were Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Belknap, Dudley Leavy Bradstreet, Hammatt, Thayer, Gore, Grant, Wright, Marshall, Williams, Perkins.

The Committee of examination report, that the Bucket

Bags &c. were all found in good order except Deac.n Grant's and Mr. Thayer's; which were lost at the late fire when the Rope Walks were burnt.

Voted. That the thanks of the Society be given to D.r Bullard for his services as Clerk the year past, and that he be requested to serve the ensuing year

Voted. That Messrs Thayer, Gore, & Williams be a Committee to examine the Clerk's accounts. This Committee attended to that duty, and reported, that the accounts were correct, which report was accepted by a vote of the society.

Attest. Asa Bullard Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Vila's Hall on Friday Evening June 6th. 1806.

Mr. Thomas Austin Presid.t

Members present. Messrs. Austin, Alexander, Boyle, Clark Grant, Gore, Hammatt, Marshall, Thayer, Williams.

The Committee who examined the buckets. bags &c. report, that, those articles were all found in good order.

Voted. On the report of Mr. Thayer, that he had found his buckett, after having provided a new one, that the Clerk pay his bill, & that Mr. Thayer be requested to keep the new one until the Society shall have use for it.

Attest A. Bullard Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Vil
Hall on Friday Evening September 5th 1806.—
Mr. Edward Alexander Pres

Members present. Messrs Austin, Alexander, Boyle, Ma
Belknap, Clark, Grant, Gore, Thayer, Williams, Wrigh

The Committee who examined the buckets, bags &c.
Report, that those articles were all found in good
order.

Voted. That Dr. Cyrus Perkins be dismissed from this
Society agreeable to his request.

Attest A. Bullard Clk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Vil
Hall December 5th 1806. Col. John Boyle Pres.

Members present.

Messrs Boyle, Belknap, Bradstreet, Clark, Grant
Gore, Hammatt, Marshall, Thayer, Williams.
Wright.

Committee report the Buckets, Bags, & Keys in order
except Dear Grant's bags which were misplaced for
which he paid two dollars.

Attest. A. Bullard Clerk

At a meeting of the Relief Fire Society at Vila's Hall on Friday evening March 6th 1807.

Mr. Obadiah Thayer President.

Members present. Col. Boyle, Belknap, Bradstreet, Clark, Marshall, Thayer, Williams Wright. — —

The Committee report the bags, buckets &c. in order.

Voted. That Messrs. Austin and Grant be dismissed from this Society agreeable to their request. —

Voted. That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Bullard for his services as clerk the year past, and that he be requested to serve the Society the ensuing year. — — —

Voted. That Messrs. Belknap and Thayer be a Committee to examine the Clerk's accounts. — — — —

The Committee examined the Clerk's accounts, and reported, that the same were correct.

Whereas; The number of members of this Society appears to be greatly diminished by the age and infirmities of some, and by the death of others, and whereas; the security, which arises from building with brick, as well as that of Insurance Offices, oppose a barrier to its increase, —

Voted, That the Relief Fire Society be dissolved Sine Die.

Voted. That the Books belonging to the late Relief Fire Society, be given to Col. Boyle, the senior Member present.

Voted. That each person present at every meeting is bound to assist his brethren of the late Society when any one shall be endangered by fire, during the time he shall be disconnected with any other Society.

Voted. That the Clerk collect the fines due the Society, and appropriate the same to his own use for his past faithful services. - - - - - - -

Attest Asa Bullard Clerk

Boston March 6th 1807

In Burnett's life by his son is the followg passage.

" It was in the year 1664, that our author (Bishop B.) went over to Holland; where, after he had seen what was remarkable in the seven provinces, he fixd his residence at Amsterdam. There, by the help of a learnd Rabbi, he perfectd himself in the Hebrew Language: he likewise became acquaintd with the leadg men of the different persuasns tolerat in that country; as the Arminians, the Lutherans, the Unitarians, the Brownists, the Anabaptists, & the Papists; among each of whom, he usd frequently to declare he had met with men of such real piety & virtue, that there he became fixd in that strong principle of universal charity, & of thinkg well of those that differed frm him, as likewise in an invincible abhorrence of all severities, on acct of religious dissentions, wh have often drawn upon him the bitterest censures frm those, who, perhaps by a narrower educatn, were led into a narrower way of thinkg."

Bishop Burnett in the concln of his History of his own times has the follows passage.

" By relign, I understand somethg more than the receivg some doctrines, tho' ever so true, or the profess

them, & engage to support them, not without zeal &
eagerness. What signify the best doctines, if men do
not live suitably to them; if they have not a due
influence on their thots, their principles & their lives:
often a bad lives, with sound opinns, are self con-
demnd; & lie under a highly aggravat guilt; nor
will the heat of a party, and out of interest, & mana
gd. with fury & violence, compensate for the ill lives of
such false pretenders to zeal; while they are a dis-
grace to that wh they profess & seem so hot for.
By relign, I do not mean, an outw compliance
with forms & customs, in going to Ch, to prayers, to
sermons & to sacramts, with an external show of de-
votn, or, wh is more, with some inward fixd good
thoughts, in wh many may satisfy themselves, while
this has no visible effect on their lives, nor any in-
ward force to subdue & rectify their appetites, purify
secret designs. Those customary performances, how good
& useful soever, when well understood & rightly di-
rected, are of little value when men rest on them,
& think that, because they do them, they have
therefore acquitd themselves of their duty, tho' they
continue still proud, covetous, full of deceit, envy:
malice. Even secret prayer, the most effectual

o all other means, i' design' for a higher end, wh is to replen
our minds with such a constant & present sense o divine
truths, as may make these live in us, & govern us, & may
draw down such assistance, as may exalt & sanctify our
natures. So that by relig^n I mean such a
sense o divine truth, as enters into a man, & becomes
a spring o a new nature within him; reforms his
thots & designs, purifys his heart, & sanctifys him, &
govern^s his whole deportm^t., his words as well as his
acons; convinc^s him that, it is not enough not to be
scandalously vicious, or to be innocent in his conversatn,
but that he must be entirely, uniformly & constantly
pure & virtuous, animat^s him with a zeal, to be still
better & better, more eminently good & exemplary, us^s
prayer & all other devotn, as solemn acts testifys
what he is inwardly, & at heart, & as methods instituted
by God, to be still advanc^g in the use o them
further & further, into a more refin^d & spiritual sense
o divine matters. This is true relig^n, wh is the per-
fecta o human nature, & the joy & delight o every
one, that feels it active & strong within him: it
is true this is not arriv^d at all at once; & it
will have an unhappy allay, hang^g long even a-
bout a good man: But, as those ill mixtures

are the perpetual grief o his soul, so it is his chief care to watch over, & to mortify them; he will be in a continual progress, still gaining ground upon himself: And, as he attains to a good degree o purity, he will find a noble flame o life & joy growg upon him. O this I write with the more concern & esteem, because I have felt this the true & indeed the only joy, wh runs thro a man's heart & life: It is that wh has been for many years my greatest support; I rejoice daily in it; I feel in it the earnest o that supreme joy, wh I pant & long for; I am sure there is nothg else can afford any true or compleat happiness. I have, considerg my sphere, seen a great deal o all, that is most shinig & lovely in the world: The pleasures o sense, I did soon nauseate: Intrigues o state, & the conduct o affairs have somethg in them, that is more specious; & I was for some years, deeply immersed in these, but still with hopes o reformg the world, & o makg mankind wiser & better: But I have found, that wh is crooked cannot be made straight. I acquainted myself with knowledge & arts, & that in a great variety, & with more compass than depth; but this wisdom exceeds folly, as much as light does darkness; yet, as it is a sore travail, so it is so very defective

that what is want & to complete it cannot be numbered.
I have seen that two are better than one, & that
a three fold cord is not easily broken; & have therefore
cultivat friendship with much zeal, & a disinterested
tenderness; but I have found this also was vanity &
vexatn o spirit, this' it be o the best & noblest sort.
So that upon great & long experience, I could enlarge
on the preacher's text vanity o vanities, & all is vanity;
but I must also conclude with him; Fear God &
keep his commandments, for this is the all o man,
the whole both o his Duty & happiness. I do therefore
end all, in the words o David, o the truth o wh,
upon great experience & long observatn, I am so fully
assured, that I leave these my last words to posterity.
Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach
you the fear o the Lord; what man is he that
desireth life, & loveth many days, that he may
see good; keep thy tongue frm evil, & thy lips
frm speaking guile; depart frm evil, & do good, seek
peace, & pursue it. The eyes o the Lord are upon
the righteous, & his ears are open to their cry; but the
face o the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut
off the remembrance o them frm the earth. The
righteous cry, & the Lord heareth & delivereth them
out o all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them
that are o a broken heart, & saveth such as be
o a contrite spirit.

Robinson in his Ecclesiastical researches, page 444, says, "Bartholomew della Volta, a citizen of high rank had the courage to propose to sell the head of St. Dominick to the king of Spain, & embellish the City with the price. — It was a wise & well timed proposal; but the Bolognese did not take the hint, & now the price of such commodities is fallen at market." ——

The opinion of K. James I respecting the non conformists of his times may be gathered from the following extract from the "Basilicon Doron" — " take heed therefore, my son, of such puritans, very pests in the CL & Commonweallth, whom no deserts can oblige; nor promises bind; breathing nothing but sedition & calumnies; aspiring without measure, rail & inveigh reason, & make their own imagination, without any warrant from the word, ~~of God~~ the square of their consciences. I protest before the great God, & since I am here as upon my testament; it is no place for me to lie in, that ye shall never find with any high men, or borderer thieves greater ingratitude, & more lies & vile perjuries, than with these fanatic spirits."

"There was", says Walton in his life of Bishop Sanderson, page 493, there was in his Diocese

a minister of almost his age, that had been of Lincoln College when he left it, who visited him often, & always welcome, because he was a man of innocence, & open plainness: This minister asked the Bishop, what books he studied most, when he laid the foundation of his great & clear learning? To which his answer was, that he declined reading many books, but what he did read, were well chosen, & read so often that he became very familiar with them, & told him they were chiefly three, Aristotles Rhetorick, Aquinas' Secunda Secundæ, & Tully, but chiefly his Offices, wch he had not read over less than twenty times, & could at this age repeat without Book.— And told him also, "That learned civilian Dr. Zouch (who died lately) had writ Elementa Jurisprudentiæ," wch was a book he wish he could also say without Book, & that no wise man could read it too often, & love, & commend it, too much." ——

Lloyd, in his State Worthies, says — "Tully's Offices, a Book wch boys read, & men understand, was so esteemed of my Lord Burleigh, that, to his dying day, he always carried it about with him, either in his bosom, or his pocket, as a compleat piece, that, like Aristotles Rhetoric, wd make both a scholar & an honest man)." —

"Nihil", says Seneca in his, "aque sanitatem impedit, quam remedium crebra mutatio. Distrahit animum librorum multitudo. Itaque cum legere non possis quantum habueris, sat is habere quantum legas. Eo modo, inquis, hunc librum evolvere, modo illum.— Fastidientis stomachi multa degustare: Ita, ubi varia sunt, & diversa, inquinant, non alunt. Probata itaque semper lege: Et si quando ad alios diverteris libenter, ad priores redi.'—

Lubbock, in his table talk, page 507, advis all that intend to study in any art soever, that they sh. betake themselves to th read & some sure & certain sorts o books over & again; for to read many sorts o books produceth more & rather confus. than to learn thereout any thing certainly & perfectly, like as those that dwell every where & remain certainly in no place, such do dwell no where, nor are any where at home. And like as in company we use not daily the community o all good friends, but o some few select., even so likewise ought we to accustom ourselves to th best books, & to make th same familiar unto us, that is, to have them, as we say, as our proper own.—

Luther, say the followers o Luther, was a man well skill'd in the knowledge o Scripture before the devil inspir'd him: but then he had the arrogance not only to preach against the Pope, but against Dr. Luther Martin himself." "As if," says R. Robinson, "Martin o Saxony had any better patent for infallibility, than Leo o Rome."—

"Since the more fair chrystal is the sky
The uglier seem the clouds that in it fly"
Rich. II.

"The purest treasure mortal times afford,
Is spotless reputation; that away,
Men are but guild loam, or painted clay.
A jewel in a ten-times-barr'd up chest
Is a bold spirit in a loyal breast.
Mine honour is my life; both grow in one;
Take honor from me, & my life is done:
Then, dear my liege, mine honour let me try,
In that I live, & for that will I die."
Richard II.

The following passage in Rich^d II is somewhat remarkable on acc^t of the manner in which alone it is us^d.

Since we cannot atone you, you shall see
Justice decide the victor's chivalry"

" Difficulties, wh appear unsurmountable to weakness, are easily conquered by courage, because it will make use o means, wh the other hinders in abhorrence."

Adventures of a Guinea.

Happy the few, that in any part o life become sensible o their errors, & with painful resolution tread back the wrong steps wh they have taken. But happiest o men is he, who, by an even course o right conduct wd never depart from the first, as far as human frailty permits, hath at once avoided the miseries o sin, the sorrows o repentance, & the difficulties o virtue; who not only can think o his present state with composure, but reflects on his past behaviour with thankful approbation; & look forward with unmixed joy to that important future hour, when he shall appear before GOD, humbly offer him a whole life spent in his service.

Archbishop Secker.

The word talent is thus usd in Clarendon's history o the Rebellion pa. 71. "Tho' the nation generally was without any ill talent to the Ch, either in the point o the doctrine, or the discipline, &c." —

One o the canons o the Ch o England in the time o Charles I. prohibited ecclesiastical persons to become [illegible] or being bound for any man. See Clarendon pa. 95

" Ah, lovelier still! I hear the Ch bell ring,
Its hallowed note floats sweetly to my ear, —
What joy I feel — I hear the angels sing!
While on my cheek I feel the grateful tear.

celestial mom! I cannot linger here,
To yonder worlds my soul would quickly spring."
Anonymous, for the National Agis.

Foster (John) speaks o the "grim zealot for a theory o the Divine attributes, wh seems to delight in represent& the Deity as a dreadful King o Furies, whose "dominion" is overshadow& with vengeance, whose music is the cries o victims, & whose glory requires to be illustrated by the ruin o his creatures".

In Clarendon's history o the rebellion, speaks o the petition o some citizens against the governmt o the Ch by Bishops he mentions the disingenuousness, wh was practis& in procuring them, & wh continued ever after in similar addresses. "The course was, first to prepare a petition very modest & dutiful, for the form; & for the matter not very unreasonable; & to communicate it at some publick meet&, where care was taken it shd be well wrote ingrossed: the subscription o very few hands fill the paper chiefly, where the petition was written, & therefore many more sheets were annex&, for the reception o the number, wh gave all the credit, & procur& all the countenance to the undertake. When a multitude o hands were procur&, the petition itself was cast off; & a new one fram& suitable to the design in hands, & annexed to the long list o names, wh were subscribed to the former. By this means, many men found their hands subscribed to petitions, o wh they before had never heard.

of several ministers, whose hands were to the petition & declarato of the London ministers before mentioned, none profest to many persons, that they never saw that petition or declarato before it was presented to the house, but had signed another, the substance of wch was, not to be compelled to take the oath enjoined by the New Canons: & when they found mischief & that their hands were to a desire & an alteratn of the Government of the Ch, they with much trouble went to the Alderman, with whom they had entrusted the petition & their hands, who gave them no other answer, but that it was thought fit by those who understood business better than they, that the latter petition should rather be prosecuted than the former. and when he found, they intended by some publick act to vindicate themselves from that calumny: Such persons upon whom they had their greatest dependence, were engaged, by threats & promises to prevail with them, to sit still & pass by the indirect proceedings." —— Who is the Alderman mentioned by Clarendon? Was he the author of the Gospel mystery & sanctificat? — Whoever he was, his morality seems to have been of a pretty pinning texture. —

The following account of Sir Harry Vane (who was Governor of Mass in 1636) is taken from Clarendon, page 148 & 149. "Sir Harry Vane was a man of great natural parts, & of very profound dissimulatn, of a quick con-

capable, & very ready, sharp, & weighty expressⁿ. — He had an unusual aspect, wh, tho' it might naturally proceed both from his father & mother, neither of wh were beautiful persons, yet made men think there was something in him extraordinary; & his whole life made good that imagination. Within a very short time after he returned from his studies in Magdalen College, Oxford, where, tho' he was under the care of a very worthy tutor, he lived not with great exactness, he spent some little time in France, & more in Geneva; & after his return into England, contracted a full prejudice & bitterness against the Ch, both against the form of the govt, & the liturgy, wh was generally in great reverence, even with many of those who were not friends to the other. In this suddenly wh there must displease, or seem to displease, his father, who still appeared highly conformable, & exceeded sharp against those who were not, he transported himself into N. E., a colony within few years before planted by a mixture of all religions, wh disposed the professors to dislike the govt & the Ch; who were qualified by the Kings' charter to choose their own governr & governours, under the obligation "that every man should take the oaths of supremacy & allegeance; wh all the first planters did when they rec. their charter, before they transported themselves from hence, nor was there in many years, the least scruple amongst them, of complying with those obligations, so far men were, in the infancy of their Church, from refusing to take those oaths. He was no sooner

land. There ~~but~~ his parts made him quickly taken notice of, & very probably his quality, be & the eldest son o a privy Counsellor, might give him some advantage, insomuch, that when the next season came. for the elect o their magistrates, he was chosen their governour; in wh place he had so ill fortune (his works & unquiet fancy raising & injuring a thousand scruples, conscience, wh they had not bro't over with them, nor heard o before) that he, unhabitably & unfitly with them, & they with him, he transported himself into England, & had & soon. such need o defence there, as grew up here prosperously, & miserably divided the poor colony into several factions, & divers & pernicious o call others still continue to the great prejudice o their plantation. insomuch as some o them upon the ground o the first expedite, liberty o conscience, have withdrawn themselves from their jurisdict, & obtain. other charters from the king, by wh, in other forms o government, they have enlarg. their plantation, within new limits adjacent to the other. He was no sooner returned to Eng., than he seem. to be much reproved for his extravagances, & with his fathers approbation & direct, married a Lady o a good family, & by his fathers credit with the Earl o Northumberland, who was high admiral o Eng., was join. presently & jointly with Sir Wm Russell in the Office o Treasurer o the Navy (a place o great trust & profit,) wh he equally shar. with the other,

by recent a man were satisfied & compos to the forecast.

It was a proverb among the Jews, that the Spirit of God seldom rests upon a gloomy or melancholy temper.

among the proofs of the Divine origin of Xty, we may include that wh arises frm its early & extensive propagatn in various parts of the world at a great distance frm Judea where it had its beginns. In less than forty years after Xt, it is agreed by all the writers of the Ch that his relign had penetrated into Scythia, India, Gaul & Egypt. Before two centuries had expired so great was the number of Xns, as we learn frm the ancient apologists, that the camps, courts & Cities & provinces of the heathen emperors were full of them, so that they could not be extirpated without destroy & the greater part of their subjects. Among the early converts to Xty were some persons of great learng & talents.—

The effects wh Xty had on its early professors are remarkable. "Where, says Mosheim, but in the Xn relign, do we find any true devotn, exclusive of superstitn & idolatrous ceremonies? Where, any acts of real charity, such as clothing the naked, & feeding the hungry, & founding hospitals for the poor? Where, persons of the highest rank condescending to the lowest acts of humility, Kings & Emperors unite

their own hands feeds the needy, & queens & empresses administers to the sick?? In what other institution, I say, can we find such a generous contempt of the world, as to undervalue riches, & honors amidst an affluence of them?? Where, such abstinence & moderation in the most luxurious enjoyments, as was conspicuous in the primitive times?? Where that undaunted courage & patience under sufferings as could be dismayed at no terrors, but ran with eagerness to racks & tortures, rejoiced upon occasion, & sung in the midst of the flames?? —" A reformation was effected by the influence of it's in the heathen world. Morality was taught in higher perfection after it's introduction. — Their idolatrous worship could not easily be defended, & all arts were used to excuse & palliate it. The vices which made a part of their abominable mysteries could hardly pass any longer for religion. The oracles were no longer heard, & the address of beasts, & the offers of human sacrifices were checked when it appeared in its full efficacy, verifying the words of the below apostle, that for this purpose was the son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" —

Description of England from the Vagabond, last page. "Happy, happy shores, how few comparatively

with do you know. Unvisited by savage war — insulted
for a treacherous & rapacious foe — unhaunted by pestilence
& at a distance from the climes, where earthquakes &
tornadoes in one moment swallow up, or sweep
away the excess of a century. Thy lands are never
parched with the beams of a torrid sun, or gelled
with the frosts of the polar circles; there never feels
the sway of perpetual day, or the stillness of constant
twilight. Thy fields never fail in their pro-
duce, & half the world brings the tribute of
commerce to thy shores — tho' the smallest nation
on earth in local territory, thy situation, & the valour
of thy generous children, renders thee impregnable.
Nor is there is a spot upon the universal globe,
so favored by nature & respected by heaven" "

"Mr Burd, addressg himself to Mr Scott, said,
my friend, you are in trouble; you are un-
happy; I read it in y^r countenance. Mr
S. replied, he had been so, but he was
better. Come then, s^d Mr Burd, I will
expound to you the cause of all y^r anxiety.
You are too common, you make yourself
cheap. Visit y^r people less, & converse more
with your own heart. How often do you
speak to them in the week? — Thrice —
Ay, there it is. Your sermons are on so

ballad; your prayers are an old ballad, & you are an old ballad too. — I would wish to tread in the steps of old Newton. — You do well to follow his steps, in all other instances, but in this instance you are wrong, & so was he. old N. took a path wh no man but himself could have used, so long as he did, & he wore it out long before he went to the Play. Too much familiarity to condescend cost him the esteem of his people. He thot he shd insure their love & wh he had the best possession title, & by that very means he lost it. Be wise, sir. & take warning; make yourself scarce, if you wish that persons of little understanding shd know how to prize you." — Cowper's private correspond.

"All's More has been always employ'd, since I first heard of her doings, as becomes a Jew: So she was; while endeavouring to reform the unreasonable great; & so she is, while hams means & opportunities to reclaim the more tractable little."

Ford.

"There is a misery for wh language has no expression, in approaches to grave with the consciousness of having lost the noble ends for wh life was given."

Bowles

Enjoy the present, nor with needless cares,
Of what may spring from dire misfortune's womb,
Appal the surest hour that life bestows.

Serene, & master o yourself, prepare
For what may come; & leave the rest to heaven.

Armstrong.

Despair?, unmeeto you fall; who might have left
a sacred, cherished, sadly pleas'd name;
a name still to be utter'd with a sigh.
Your last ungrateful scene has quite effac'd
All sense & memory o your former worth.

ibid.

Who never fasts no banquet e'er enjoys;
Who never toils or watches never sleeps.
Let nature rest: & when the taste o joy grows keen
Grows keen, indulge; but shun satiety.

ibid.

"Security is the cause o fools".

anon.

Inscription on a statue of cupid, by Voltaire.

"Qui que tu sois, voici con maitre;
Il l'est, le fut, ou le doit etre."

— by night,
The village matron, round the blaz'd hearth,
Suspends the infant audience with her tales,
Breathes astonishment; the sober year
Of age, commences on prodigious things;
For such the boundless providence of heaven
In every heart implants & this delight
Of objects new & strange, to urge us on
With unremitted labor to pursue

o witches sinns
And evil spirits, o the death bed can
To him who robb'd the widow, & devour'd
The orphans portion; o unquiet soul
Risen from the grave to ease the heavy guilt
Of deeds in life conceal'd! o shapes that walk
At dead o night, & clank their chains, & warn
Th' lovel o hell around the murderer's bed"

Akenside.

Speaking o reading, Lord Bolingbroke observed, "I knew one in this country who join'd to a more than athletic strength o body, a prodigious memory, & to both a prodigious industry. He had read almost constantly twelve or fourteen hours a day, for five & twenty or thirty years; & had heaped together as much erudition as could be crowded into one head. In the course o my acquaintance with him, I consulted him once or twice, not oftener; for I found this mass o learning of as little use to me as to the owner. A man will communicate enough; but nothing will digest in his mind. How could it be otherwise? he had never spared time to think, all was employ'd in reading. His reason had not the merit o common mechanism. When you push a watch or pull a clock, they answer your questions with precision; for they report exactly the hour o the day, & tell you neither more nor less than you

desire to know. But when you ask'd this man a question, he overwhelm'd you, by pour'g forth all that the several terms or words of y^r question recall'd to his memory, & if he omit'd any thing, it was that very thing to wh the sense of the whole question shd have led him, & confined him. To ask him a question was to wind up a spring in his memory, that rattled on with vast rapidity & confus^n more till the whole of it was spent; & you went away with all the noise in your ears, stunned & unsatisfy'd. I never left him, that I was not ready to say to him, "Dieu vous fasse la grace de devenir moins savant."

Writers of the Roman Relig^n have attempted to shew, that the text of the holy writ is, on many accounts, insufficient to be the sole criterion of authority; I apprehend too, that they have shewn it. Sure I am that experience, from the first promulgation of Xty to this hour, shows abundantly with how much ease & success the most opposite, the most extravagant, nay the most impious opin^ns, & the most contradictory faiths, may be founded on the same text, & plausibly supported by the same authority. Writers of the reformed relig^n have erect^d their batteries against this: & the only difficulty they had to encounter

in this enterprize lay in words & points & their cannon so as to avoid dendrites in one common ruin, the [illegible] doctrs they retain, & those they reject. Each side has been employed to weaken the cause, & explode the system of his adversary: & while they have been so employed, they have jointly laid their axe to the root of Xty: for then men will be apt to reason upon what they have advanced — "If the text has not that authenticity, clearness & precise, wh are necessary to establish it as a divine & certain rule of faith & practice, & if the tradition of the Ch, from the first ages of it, to the days of Luther & Calvin, has been corrupt & only that serv^s to corrupt the faith & practice of Xns, there remains at this time no standard at all of Xty: by consequence, either this religⁿ was not originally of divine institute, or else God has not provided effectually for preserving the genuine purity of it, & the gates of hell have actually prevailed, in contradiction to his promise against the Ch. The best effect of this reasoning that can be hoped for, is, that men shd fall into Deism, & subscribe to the first proposition. he must be worse than an atheist, who can affirm the last. The dilemma is terrible, my Lord. Party zeal & private interest have found it: the common interest of Xty is deeply concerned to shun

it. Now I presume it can never be solved without a more accurate examination; not only of the Xn but of the Jewish system, that learned men have hitherto been unpatient enough & sagacious to take, or honest enough to communicate. While the authenticity & sense of the text of the Bible remain as disputable, & while the tradition of Ch remains so problematical, to say no worse, as the immense labors of the Xn divines in several communt have made them appear to be, Xty may lean on the civil & ecclesiastical power, & be supported by the forcible influence of education, but the proper force of relign, that force which subdues the mind & awes the conscience by conviction will be wanting."

Bolingbroke

"Parent of nature! — master of the world!
Where'er thy providence directs, behold
My steps with cheerful resignation turn!
Fate leads the willing, drags the backward on.
Why shd I grieve? when griefs I must bear,
Or take with guilt, what guiltless I might share?

Cleanthes.

When afflictions fail to have their due effect, the case is desperate: they are the last remedies wh indulgent providence uses; & if they fail, we must languish & die in ~~for~~ misery & contempt. Vain men! how seldom do we know what to wish or to pray for? When we pray against mis-

fortunes, & when we fear them most, we want them most. — it was for this reason that Pythagoras forbids his disciples to ask any thing of God: the shortest & the best prayer wh we can address to him, who knows our wants & our ignorance in asking, is this — "Thy will be done!"

"The strongest attachments spring from a conviction of the services we render, rather than those of the services we receive." Opie.

"Every one loves to be an object of interest: & tho' we all admit that to be object of pity implies a species of inferiority, still who has not a strange sort of satisfaction in describing the pains & dangers of sickness, & the sufferings of the nerves & of the heart? & who does not feel the auditor endeared to them, who has listened to such details with unwearied attention, & patient sympathy?" —

Ibid.

"Qui s'excuse, s'accuse."

"There is a zeal wh delights in display; wh shows itself in talking; wh takes pleasure in figuring before the public eye; wh proclaims its own actions when there has been none to witness it; wh carries on its operations by its own wisdom & by its own strength; wh to exalt itself, breaks forth in exclama

Th, against the backwardness o others; wh, in short, is all show + noise, + bustle: but such zeal to say the least o it, is o a very suspicious character, + often proceeds but no higher principle than the spirit o vanity, + the love o human applause."

James the first in the conference at Hampton Court S. — "Stay, I pray you for one seven years before you demand that o me; + if then you find me puny + fat, + my wind pipes snuffed, I will perhaps hearken to you; for let that government be once up, I am sure I shall be kept in breath; then we shall all o us have work enough both our hands full. But, Dr. Reynolds, till you find that I grow lazy, let that alone.

"How sharp the pain,
our vice,
Conscience, our habits to disdain,
To go where never yet in peace we went;
To feel our hearts can bleed, but not relent;
To sigh, yet not recede; to grieve, yet not repent!"

I have long, says Mr. Flint, been firmly o the opinion that the Catholics were right in representg much questionig, o disputg o points as matters in their tendencies

The multitude never had, have not now, & I judge will never have, an influential faith, except it be an implicit one. There can be no doubt about the revolting contradictions of the real presence, the infallibility of the pope or the church, & other additions of the dark ages to their faith & ceremonial. But their reverential attachment to their ministers, their disposition to regard their & doctrine every where as one, their unwillingness to dispute about the articles of their faith, their disposition to sacrifice personal interests to the common cause, & the imposing forms of their worship — might not be regarded by protestants without utility. When I have seen tranquillity settle on the expiring countenance of the Catholic, after his minister has administered extreme unction & he depart in sone; I have regretted the condition of those, who have always been perplexing themselves about points that human reason has no concern with, & who have nothing but doubting for the last solemn hour' —

"Now universal England gerrets drunk
For joy that Charles her monarch is restor'd —
And she that sometime wore a saintly mask,
The stale grown vice in her face doth paint,
And weareth now a suit of morris bells,
With which she jingling goes thro' all her
towns & villages."

Lambs John Woodvil.

"I can never forget," says Evelyn in his memoirs, Vol. I., page 585, "the inexpressible luxury & profaneness, gaming & all dissolutenes, & as it were, total forgetfulness of God, (it being sunday evening,) which this day se'night I was witness of; the King sitting & toying with his concubines Portsm°., Cleveland, & Mazarine — a French boy singing love songs in that glorious gallery, whilst about 20 of the great courtiers & other dissolute persons were at basset round a large table, a bank of at least 2000 li in gold before them: upon which two gentlemen who were with me made reflections with astonishment. Six days after all was in the dust."

have spent more time & zeal in conversg with one of my friends, on the different modes of existence, in the two invisible worlds, than was consistent with my strength, I found myself under a necessity of breaking off in the most interesting part of our conversation, to seek compose & refreshment by sleep, which then became needful both for body & mind. I had no sooner extended my limbs on the bed, than I fell into a deep sleep, wh, tho' it locked up all my external senses, had a very different effect upon my imagination. I thot myself reduced by my indisposition to the last hour of my life, & expected that a few moments more would land me on those regions where hours & minutes have no further use. Yet I was remarkably stupid in this important point who made the few words ~~who made the few~~ that dropped from my lips only serve as so many proofs that I had very imperfect conception of the great, the awful experiment I was about to make. In this situation I continued a considerable time, till my increased weakness by degrees shut up all my senses, & seemed to extinguish every faculty of my soul. How long I continued in

this state o insensibility, I am unable to ~~say~~ determine, but the first thing I knew on my leaving the body was to find myself emerging from the heart o my now lifeless corpse. But oh! the change, the unlooked for, the inconceivable change that my new state o existence produced. Before, I was all dull & sensual, depending upon the organs o ~~the~~ my body for every act o my mind; but now, independent o matter, I could range thro the whole system without obstruction. Before, I received almost every conception thro the medium o my eyes, my ears, & my other external senses, wh were always languid & imperfect; but now my sight, my hearing, & all the perceptive faculties, both o body & mind were reduced to this one idea, that o thot. It is impossible to give an adequate idea o the manner o my perception. It was only to conceive o a thing, o what nature soever, & I found myself by an inconceivable sympathy instantaneously present with it. In a word, I now found that length o time, & distance o place are things equally peculiar to the material world. In this form o existence, I found myself the moment I became independent o flesh & blood, & I am utterly unable to describe my astonishment at finding myself every where

surrounᵈ by an innumerable concourse o thinkg
faculties, all like myself immaterial & immortal,
indepenᵈt o space & locality. I found heavᵉ & hell
as it were universally blendᵈ, or in other words I
found good & evil spirits promiscuously inhabiting every
part o th universe, who all discoverᵈ their opposite
characters by th undaunᵈ o their thots. Those who
were happy were all love & benevolᵉ, but th sons o
despair were perfᵗ hatred & malice, wi wh unhappy
number to my inexpressible amazemᵗ, I found
myself justly condemnᵈ t be forever sunk? — I
was detestᵈ & shunnᵈ, tho wi a heavenly detestation
by all th heirs o bliss, while I was beatᵈ by those
o my own order wi th utmost malice & insult.
But this malevoˡ treatmᵗ hᵈ very little effect upᵒ
my gloomy soul, except that it gave an additional
emphasis t my own malice, wh was stretchᵈ t th
utmost extent o my capacity against th author o
my existᵉ, his blessᵈ favorites, th human race,
my companᵐ in condemnatⁿ & guilt, myself, &
every other beᵍ in th universe. I now found
by shockᵍ experiᵉ, that sorrow, envy, grief, & th
desire o annihilation, were no ingredients in th compo
sitⁿ o my inexpressible misery; for I hatᵈ the Deity
wi too much inveteracy t be sorry I hᵈ counteracted
his laws, & I was too stubborn & inflexible, t be made

~~transport~~ wi the desire o revenge, to wish myself out o
~~this exist~~ t envy Others th enjoyint o that happiness
wh I was strenuously endeavorg t expel fm th universe;
& I c^d never mourn th loss o it myself for th same
reason; & I was too incorrigible, & too much transp^d
with the desire o revenge t wish myself out o that
exist^e wh alone gave me th horrid hope o re-
taliat^n. In short, my hell consist^d altogether in
malice & revenge, aggravat^d t so high a degree that
I sh^d have spurn^d th offer o mercy, even on terms o
my own choosg. On th contrary, I h^d an un-
bound^d, uninterrupt^d, increasg desire t torm^t every
beg in th universe, myself not except^d. I
found that an manner o conversg was as peculiar
as any thg relatg t my immaterial state, for
wi^t o those external signs, wh we find necessary
in our pres^t mode o exist^e, we discover^d a mutual
knowledge o each others thots, & a continual in-
terchange o ideas, whose quickness, emphasis &
perspicuity still fill me wi amazemt at th re-
collect^n. B^t I h^d no manner o intercourse
wi th Deity, nor any other apprehens^n o th Holy
Trinity, than wh^t I h^d found, as it were, innate
in my own mind, or discover^d in th thots o others.
B^t I shall never forget wi wh^t rage & malice
my whole soul was inspir^d at every idea o

th Savior o mank^d. This fill^s up th measure o my torm^t. It was then that wi an infernal anguish I wish^d myself possess^d o omnipot^ce.

There wer my hon^d circumstances, & this was my hell. In this situation I remain^d overwhelm^d wi misery that human language is too faint t describe; till t my inexpressible extacy, on openg my eyes, I found myself fall in a state o probation, & this side th gloomy re-gion o despair.

Thus I hav enumerat^d some o my sleepg thots, wh took a far wider rangе, & transport^d me much farther into those unexplor^d regions than my imaginatn ever went^d before, in its most presumptuous intervals. Bt I am so far frm thinkg it any thg more than a dream that I hav commit^d it t paper rather as a curiosity, than as an evid^ce o truth. Yt, if on a critical & impartial examinatn, we shd discov one single ray o light t guide us a step or two farther in th dark, let us nt quench it, merely because it seems t be th Hopes o dawn nt sleep.

Herman Harris

Prov. Col.

" Tho' mang° in ills, & exercis° wr care,
yet never let the noble m^n despair:
When prest by dangers, & beset wr foes,
Th Gods their timely succor interpose:
And when our virtue sinks, o'erwhelm° wr griefs,
By unforeseen expedients bring relief."

Our Lov^g L^d G^d is willg that we eat, drink & be merry, & make use o his creatures, for thereg he hath creat^d them. He will not hav that we sh^d complain, as if he h^d not given sufficⁿ^t, or that cou^d not maintain our own carcases; only that we do acknowledge him for our G^d, & thank him for his gifts.

Luther's table talk.

" She's dead, the lov^d ones of our youth,
They too are gone or chang'd;
Or, worse than all, their love & truth
Are darken'd & estrang^d;
They meet us in the glitt'ring throng,
With cold averted eyes,
And wonder that we weep our wrong,
And mourn our broken ties"

— New Monthly.

Toute notre mal vient de ne pouvoir être seuls; de là, le jeu, le luxe, la dissipation, le vin, l'ignorance, la médisance, l'envie, l'oubli de soi même, & de Dieu.—

La Bruyère

"The Roman Philosopher placed the secret of human happiness in the one maxim — "not to admire" — I never could exactly comprehend the sense of the moral my maxim for the same object would be — "never to regret."

Anonymous —

Canzone.

Parte la nave
Spiegan le vele
Vento crudele
Mi fan partir.
Addio Teresa,
Teresa, Addio
Piacendo a Dio
Ti revedrò — Non pianger

Vado a levante
Vado a ponente
Se trovo gente
Ti scriverò.
Addio Teresa
Teresa addio
Piacendo a Dio
Ti sposerò!

Il capitano
Mi chiama a bordo
Io faccio il sordo
Per non partir!
Addio Teresa
Teresa, Addio!
Piacendo a Dio
Ti revedrò.
Non pianger bella
Non pianger, no!
Che al mio ritorno
Ti sposerò.

"O omnipresent & most gracious power
'Tis thine to lull the agonizing hour,
To charm the burden from the soul, & give
The tears that solace, & the hopes that live"

"Still heavenly hope, undying flame
Shines midst the wreck of nature's frame
And tho' the mortal she can see
The germ of immortality."

"We may forgive those who have hated us; but never can we pardon those, who, having once loved, abandon us for another. We can bow our heads with submission to the blow which bereaves us of the object of our affections, & still adore their memory to our latest hour; but to see them live & cease to love, to think them unworthy, to be convinced that one's confidence has been betray'd, one's affections made the sport of caprice, the victims of wanton vanity, one shudders at the very thought."

A King's page

'Submit thy fate to heaven's indulgent care;
Tho' all seems lost, 'tis impious to despair,
The tracks of providence like rivers wind—
Here, run before us—there, retreat behind;
And tho' immerged in earth from human eyes.
Again break forth, & more conspicuous rise."

Higgons.

"To the memory of
Geo. Charles Canning, eldest Son of the Right Honorable Geo. Canning, & Joan Scott his wife,
born April 25. 1801. — died March 31. 1820."

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Tho' short thy span, God's unimpeach^d decrees,
Which made that shorten'd span one long disease
Yet merciful in chastening gave thee scope
For mild redeeming virtues,— faith & hope,
Meek resignation, pious charity;
And, since this world was not the world for thee
Far from thy path remov^d, with partial care,
Strife, glory, gain, & pleasure's flowery snare;
Bade earth's temptations pass thee harmless by,
And fix^d on Heaven thine unaverted eye.
O! mark^d from birth, & nurtur'd, for the skies,
In youth, with more than learning's wisdom wise,
As sainted martyrs, patient to endure,
Simple as unwean'd infancy, & pure.
Free from all stain, but that of human clay,

(Which Christ's atoning blood hath wash'd away,)
By mortal sufferings now no more oppress'd,
Mount, sinless spirit, to thy destin'd rest!
While I — revers'd our nature's kindlier doom,
Pour forth a father's sorrows on thy tomb. —

From the Boston Evening Post, April 17. 1769.

We hear from Wrentham, that last week died there Mrs. Margaret Cazneau, in the 98th. year of her age. She was born in Rochelle, & was one of the Refugees who left France in 1686, when Lewis 14th. revoked the famous Edict of Nantz, by which impolitic step his protestant subjects were debarred the free exercise of their religion, & 50,000 of them were obliged to quit the kingdom & embarked for England, where they were hospitably received by JAMES II. But fresh troubles breaking out in England soon after, she & a number of others, left that kingdom & came to America. Notwithstanding the extreme hardships she sustained in the infant settlement of this country, she enjoyed a remarkable state of health, till within a few months of her decease, & perfectly remembered the arbitrary proceedings of that unparalled incendiary Governor Andros, & the disturbances consequent thereon.

There are now living of her posterity fifty seven children, grand children & great grand children. —

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What man that sees the ever whirling wheele
Of Change, the which all mortal things doth sway,
But that thereby doth find, & plainly feele,
How mutabilitie in them doth play
Her cruel sports to many men's decay.
Spencer's Fairie Queene.

From the Centinel of Feb. 13. 1793. Died at Loong Ashton (Eng.) the Rev. Henry Caner aged 93, a very respectable character, many years minister in the Chapel Church in this town. When (says an English paper) the American revolution took place, he was obliged to relinquish the ministry, his country & posessions, & took refuge in England, where he has since lived distinguished by a serenity of mind, & cheerful submission to the various vicissitudes of life.—

A anspoic version of
93d psalm.

Comes, glad we to our LORDE, joy we to God our hele.
Before occupy his face in schrifte, & in psalmes joy we to him
For God is grete LORDE, & Kynge grete aboven alle goddes.
For in his hondes are all the endes of earthe, & the highinesse
of hills is hiss.
For of hym is the see, & he made it, & the drye his hende schopen.
Comes, lout we, & fall we, & grete we before our LORDE that
made us, for he is our LORDE GOD.
And we folk of his pastoure, & schepe of his hende.

The decline of life, says an anonymous writer, is a sort of Calabrian soil, ashy as well as tremulous, & success & failure alike lose their intense effect under that eternal looking for. He can patiently await critical insult or injustice who knows that few or none survive of those, for the sake of whose opinion such insult would have been distressing. A prouder issue of his literary adventure would perhaps not prove a happier one. Total failure is not perhaps so painful, as the success which comes too late. To the dead, to the buried bosom friend or wife, the crowned hero is still uncrowned, & the most popular poet still an obscure rhymer.

It is the fate of those who toil at the lower employments of learning, to be rather driven by the fear of evil than attracted by the prospect of good; to be exposed to censure without hope of praise; to be disgraced by miscarriage, or punished for neglect; where success would have been without applause, and diligence without reward.

Dr Johnson.

DANGER OF SAILING IN HIGH NORTHERN LATITUDES. One serene evening, in the middle of August, 1775, Captain Warrens, master of a Greenland whale ship, found himself becalmed among a vast number of icebergs, in about 77 deg. north latitude. On one side, and within a mile of his vessel, these were of immense height and closely wedged together, and a succession of snow-covered peaks appeared behind each other as far as the eye could reach, showing that the ocean was completely blocked up in that quarter, and that it had probably been so for a long period of time. Captain Warrens did not feel altogether satisfied with his situation, but there being no wind, he could not move either one way or another, and he therefore kept a strict watch, knowing that he would be safe as long as the surrounding icebergs continued in their respective places.

About midnight, the wind rose to a gale, accompanied by thick showers of snow, while a succession of tremendous thundering, grinding and crashing noises gave fearful evidence that the ice was in motion. The vessel received violent shocks every moment, for the haziness of the atmosphere prevented those on board from discovering in what direction the open water lay, or if there actually was any at all on either side of them. The night was spent in tacking as often as any cause of danger happened to present itself, and in the morning the storm abated and Captain Warrens found, to his great joy, that his ship had not sustained any serious injury. He remarked with surprize that the accumulated icebergs, which had on the preceding evening formed an impenetrable barrier, had been separated and disarranged by the wind, and that in one place a canal of open sea wound its course among them as far as the eye could discern. It was two miles beyond the entrance of this canal that a ship made its appearance about noon. The sun shone brightly at the time, and a gentle breeze blew from the North. At first some intervening icebergs prevented Captain Warrens from distinctly seeing any thing but her masts, but he was struck with the strange manner in which her sails were disposed, and with the dismantled aspect of her yards and rigging. She continued to go before the wind for a few furlongs, and then grounding upon the low icebergs, remained motionless.

Captain Warrens' curiosity was so much excited, that he immediately leaped into his boat with several seamen, and rowed towards her. On approaching he observed that her hull was miserably weather beaten, and not a soul appeared on the deck, which was covered with snow to a considerable depth. He hailed her crew several times, but no answer was returned. Previous to stepping on board, an open port hole near the main chains caught his eye, and on looking into it, he perceived a man reclining back in a chair, with writing materials on a small table before him, but the feebleness of the light made every thing very indistinct. The party, therefore, went upon the deck, and having removed the hatchway, which they found closed, they descended into the cabin. They first came to the apartment which Captain Warrens viewed through the port hole. A tremor seized him as he entered it. Its inmate retained his former position, and seemed to be insensible to strangers. He was found to be a corpse: and a green damp mould had covered his cheeks and forehead and veiled his open eye-balls. He held a pen in his hand, and a log-book lay before him the last sentence in whose unfinished page ran thus:—"11th Nov. 1762—We have now been enclosed in the ice seventy days. The fire went out yesterday, and our master has been trying ever since to kindle it again, without success. His wife died this morning. There is no relief—."

Capt. Warrens and his seamen hurried from the spot without uttering a word. On entering the principal cabin, the first object that attracted their attention was the dead body of a female reclining on a bed in an attitude of deep interest and attention. Her countenance retained the freshness of life, and a contraction of the limbs alone, showed that her form was inanimate. Seated on the floor was the corpse of an apparently young man holding a steel in one hand and a flint in the other, as if in the act of striking fire upon some tinder which lay beside him.

In the fore part of the vessel, several sailors were found lying dead in their births, and the body of a dog was crouched at the bottom of the gang-way stairs. Neither provisions nor fuel could be discovered any where, but Captain Warrens was prevented by the superstitious prejudices of his seamen, from examining the vessel as minutely as he wished to have done. He therefore carried away the log-book already mentioned, and returned to his own ship, and immediately steered to the southward, deeply impressed with the awful example which he had just witnessed, of the danger of navigating the Polar Seas, in high northern latitudes.

On returning to England, he made various inquiries respecting vessels that had disappeared in an unknown way, and by comparing the results of these with the information which was afforded by the written documents in his possession, he ascertained the name and history of the imprisoned ship and of her unfortunate master, and found that she had been frozen up seventeen years previous to the time of his discovering her among the ice.

ANOTHER MOST SINGULAR APPARITION IN HIGH LIFE.

As strange appearances and disappearances, miracles, and horrors, seem to be very much in fashion at present, we cannot withold from our readers the following interesting narrative, suited as it is to the taste of the times. One circumstance, which may in some measure detract from its credibility, is, that it bears a strong resemblance to one we recollect to have seen in some collection of Ghost Stories. All that we can vouch for, is the fact that the thing has been much talked of in Staffordshire, and, indeed, in the immediate neighborhood of the noble marquis, who is the hero of the adventure. We give it merely as a current story:

One night, during the last summer, a noble marquis (then residing at his seat, T———, in S———,) dreamt that a savage murder had been committed, and that the murderer was then about to inter his victim in a retired spot in his (the marquis's) demense. The fright occasioned by this circumstance caused the nobleman to awake, but recovering from it, he again disposed himself to rest, and fell asleep, when the same horrid scene presented itself to his imagination, and he again, consequently, awoke. Rendered a little nervous by this singular repetition, some time elapsed before he could resume his slumber; but at length he did so, when the same appalling vision a third time haunted him, and he once more awoke. After a few minutes his lordship recovered from the effects of this thrice-repeated dream; but it being then broad day light he arose, determined to seek by a walk in his park to restore the tone of his nerves. Impressed by the remarkable circumstance that had so occurred, he summoned one or two servants to attend him, and directed his steps towards that part of the park indicated in his dream. We have already said that place was unfrequented; but by a sudden turn in the path which led to it, the view of it burst all at once upon the noble lord, who was a few paces in advance of his attendants. Alarmed by a sudden exclamation from his lordship, they rushed forward, and arrived just in time to see a man rush through the underwood as if to escape, in which he succeeded. All now pressed forward, and on searching the identical spot, of which the noble marquis had dreamt, they found an excavation in the earth, apparently intended for a grave, upon which the man who fled had been at work; he left behind him a spade, and some other digging implements. The fugitive never was discovered.

Here the matter would, in all probability, have rested, food only for conjecture, but for the simultaneous flight or disappearance of a kitchen maid, or cook, and a footman, from his lordship's service, without leaving a single trace behind them. Various rumours were, consequently, afloat for a considerable time afterwards in the neighbourhood; that which was most generally believed, however, was, that an illicit intercourse had subsisted between the parties; that, on account, perhaps, of the pregnancy of the female, the man had murdered, and intended to bury her in the grave which he was actually preparing, when interrupted by his noble master.

Augsburg, March 12.

DISCOVERIES IN THE MOON. Professor Gruithuisen in Munich, whose selenognostic researches are known to the learned from Bode's Astronomical Calendar, and other writings, has spoken in that Calendar, and in one of his works, of the discovery which his extremely quick sight, aided by a good telescope of Frauenhofer's making, has been enabled to make of a colossal building, situated near the equator of the moon, resembling a fortress with strait ramparts, which are arranged like the lateral fibres of an alder leaf. We now learn that he has also discovered a great many regularly made roads, alterations evidently made by art, in natural walls, the clearest traces of cultivation on the surface of the moon, (which Schroeber affirmed to exist,) and several other indications of rational beings in that planet.

[FROM THE HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE.]

HOPE IN DEATH.

There are, who love the thought of death,
And long to rest beneath the willow,
And deem that even their sweetest breath
Will be upon their dying pillow.

It is not that their spirits feel
The holy joy of sins forgiven;—
It is not that they long to kneel
Before their Father's throne in heaven.

But they have felt the bitter woes
That often cloud the soul with gloom,
And deem that there a sweet repose
Amid the silence of the tomb.

They tell of resting there awhile
From woes with which their hearts are swelling;
And there's a faint and tremulous smile,
That gilds their lips while they are telling,

Of sleep unmingled with the dreams
Of bitterness, that now are theirs,—
Of escape from a world, that teems
With daily woes and daily cares.

They deem, that when their latest breath
From all their sorrows has relieved them;
Their bitterest foes will mourn their death,
And weep that they so oft have grieved them.

They love to toll of early flowers
Blooming in sweetness o'er their bed,
Of gentle dews and vernal showers
Descending sweetly o'er their head.

They love in pensiveness to gaze
Upon the moon her night-watch keeping,
And think how soon those placid rays
Will gild the spot where they are sleeping.

And thus imagination throws
A soothing tenderness around
Their visions of the long repose,
That waits for them beneath the ground.

No bright and sacred visions shed
Their radiance o'er life's closing even;
No promise smooths their dying bed
With high and holy hopes of heaven.

They only think of rest,—they long
To quit a world, that has distressed them,—
To go and leave the gathering throng
Of woes, that deeply have oppressed them.

There are, who hail the hour of death
With hopes so near allied to heaven,
That could they stay the fleeting breath
And keep the cords of life unriven,—

Still they would long to pass away
To their high homes and rest sublime,
Nor longer mingle with their clay
The dim and dubious light of time.

Some joys have cheered them day by day,
Joys sweeter than the worldling knows,
And still their calm and silent ray
Shines sweetly on till life shall close.

But still they long to leave behind
The guilt that lingers round them here,
And spring from all the chains, that bind
Their spirits to this darkened sphere.

They long to bow before the feet
Of Him, to whom their hearts are given,
And sound his praises in the sweet
And hallowed melody of heaven.

Tho' in the varied path of life
A Saviour's hand has led them on,
And mingled with its wasting strife
Hopes that will live when time is gone;

Still earth for them has lost the spell
That charmed their earlier days a while,
And they would gladly go and dwell
Beneath their Saviour's nearer smile.

When on the burdened spirit press
The deep and bitter woes of life,
She then in loneliness may bless
The hour that ends the sickening strife.

But when that hour itself is near,
And heavenly hope can lend no ray
To pierce the solemn shade, and cheer
The anxious spirit on her way—

Then, tho' she deems that death will close
Her sighs for earthly prospects perished,
She clings to life with all its woes,
And its last spark is fondly cherished.

No other hope but hope divine,
That springs from heaven can teach the heart
Without a sigh to pass the line
Where mortal and immortal part.

C. A. B.

SALE OF A WIFE. One of the scenes deservedly recorded as a reproach, even to a barbarous, but doubly disgraceful, whatever the alleged misconduct, in a country with the slightest pretensions to civilization, was enacted on Saturday week, in the market-place of Honiton, where (the town-crier having previously given public notice) a wretch in human shape, of the name of Henry Broom, of the parish of Buckerell, after enumerating her various qualifications in the language and style of a jockey, put his wife up at auction. The woman, fine grown and of handsome person, about twenty-five years of age, and three years married, stood by his side, and the first bidding was that of a painter, who offered 2s 6d; upon which she said "thank you, Sir." A carpenter cried 7s 6d; and a knight of the thimble 2s more. A barber topped the whole, augmenting the bidding by 8s at once; upon this Thomas Tremlett, of Awliscombe, named £1, and the husband crying "a lucky bit," the hammer fell; the money was instantly paid, transfer of property took place, and the pair moved off together.—*Bath, Eng. paper.*

DEDHAM, Aug. 3, 1826.

HONORS TO DEPARTED MERIT.

The solemnities in this town on Monday last, commemorative of the Death of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, were highly appropriate and impressive. A large procession, composed of citizens of this and adjacent towns, was formed at 2 o'clock, P. M. at Alden's hotel; in which also was J. Q. Adams, President of the United States, with his Sons, and his brother, Hon. T. B. Adams. The procession, under the fine escort of the Dedham Light Infantry, with badges of mourning, accompanied by the Brigade band, from Boston, proceeded round the square to Rev. Mr. Lamson's meeting-house. Arrived here, they entered, as it were, a spacious mausoleum, shrouded in deep mourning—the whole fronts of the galleries, pulpit, windows, &c. being appropriately hung with black. On the right of the desk was suspended a fine framed portrait of Adams, and on the left another of the same size, of Jefferson. Minute guns were fired during the moving of the procession, and throughout the services, by a detachment from Walpole artillery.

The services commenced by a Dirge from the Band. This was followed by an Anthem by the Dedham choir, led by the organ and accompanied by the band; words by Mrs. Barbauld—"Child of mortality, whence dost thou come?" The next solemnity was an introductory Prayer, by Rev. A. Lamson, appropriate and impressive beyond our words to describe. A judicious selection of Scripture was next impressively read by Rev. J. Beale. Following this, was part of a Hymn, to Pleyel's Dirge, which could only allude to this great event, by Mr. H. Mann. The Eulogy next succeeded, by Horace Mann, Esq. To attempt, in this small space, a panegyric on this classical production, would be futile. Handel's Dirge, words by Miss Steele—"Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb," followed. The concluding Prayer, by the Rev. J. White, was in all respects, solemn and well adapted.—The services closed with Pope's "Vital spark, of heavenly flame"—an appropriate anthem.

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A CURIOUS DOCUMENT.

The following having fallen into our hands, appears to us very curious, and deserving to be laid before our readers:—

I, Doctor, Don Francisco Blanco, the most aged parochial Curate of the Church of San Lorenzo, in the City of Seville,—Do certify: that, in one of the books of interment, commenced in the year 1764, there is recorded in page 20, the following:—"On the 1st of September, 1788, the members of this Church interred, in the land belonging to the clergy, the body of the Presbyter and Chaplain Don John Manuel Montiel, Ramirez, Bustamante, Calderan de la Barca, aged one hundred and twenty-one years: he made his will before Joseph Ortis, public scrivener of this city, and afterwards added to it a codicil, before Michael Fortillo. Mass was said before his body, as well as the office for the dead was performed in open church."—And in order to perpetuate his memory, the following, concerning him, was also recorded in the book:—'He had been married five times; his first wife was Dona Luisa Aguilar; the second Dona Ana Zamora, the fourth Dona Violante Escribano: and the fifth was Dona Beatriz Obregon. He had, by these marriages, forty-two legitimate children, besides nine illegitimate ones: he was a venerable person and very *clever*.

'At the time of his death he was composing a book in praise of '*Nuestra Senora*,' at the age of sixteen he wrote another on different subjects: he had been High Constable of the Bishopric; he followed the sea many years: he was a member of the religious house of *San Juan de Dios*, Majordomo of the Convent of Santa Ana, Clerk of the Royal Court of Justice in this city, Secretary of the Chamber of Trade, Head Notary of the Religion of San Juan de *Dios*, spoke seven languages, and was ordained as a Priest at the age of 99, and regularly attended to his duties until his death, which was occasioned by a fall. His family, together, might form a population of three hundred persons.'"

A true copy from the original document.—Seville, Feb. 4, 1789.—Signed—Dr. Don Francisco Blanco.

POETRY.

SONG,

Written for the 200th anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, by the Rev. Mr. Pierpont, of this city.

The *Pilgrim Fathers*—where are they?
The waves that brought them o'er
Still roll in the bay, and throw their spray,
As they break along the shore:
Still roll in the bay, as they rolled that day
When the *May-Flower* moored below,
When the sea around was black with storms,
And white the shore with snow.
Chorus—Still roll in the bay, as they rolled that day, &c.

The mists, that wrapped the pilgrim's sleep,
Still brood upon the tide;
And his rocks yet keep their watch by the deep,
To stay its waves of pride.
But the snow-white sail, that he gave to the gale
When the heavens looked dark, is gone;—
As an angel's wing, through an opening cloud,
Is seen, and then withdrawn.
Chorus—It is gone from the bay where it spread that day, &c.

The pilgrim exile—sainted name!
The hill, whose icy brow
Rejoiced, when he came, in the morning's flame,
In the morning's flame burns now.
And the moon's cold light, as it lay that night
On the hill-side and the sea,
Still lies where he laid his houseless head;—
But the pilgrim—where is he?
Chorus—He is not in the bay, as he was that day, &c.

The pilgrim fathers are at rest:
When Summer's throned on high,
And the world's warm breast is in verdure drest,
Go, stand on the hill where they lie.
The earliest ray of the golden day
On that hallowed spot is cast;
And the evening sun, as he leaves the world,
Looks kindly on that spot last.
Chorus—Not such was the ray that he shed that day, &c.

The pilgrim *spirit* has not fled:
It walks in noon's broad light;
And it watches the bed of the glorious dead,
With the holy stars, by night.
It watches the bed of the brave who have bled,
And shall guard this ice-bound shore,
Till the waves of the bay, where the *May-Flower* lay,
Shall foam and freeze no more.
Chorus—It watches the bed of the brave who have bled, &c.

Archbishop Cheverus. The following beautiful tribute to the character and worth of this distinguished prelate of the Gallican Church, is contained in the March No. of the Christian Examiner and General Review. The writer, who is understood to be the Rev. Dr. Channing, in reviewing the volume of "Selections from the writings of Fenelon," lately translated by a lady of this city, incidentally speaks of "that unmeasured, undistinguishing reprobation," with which the Catholic communion has been too often assailed by Protestant zeal.

"The Catholic Church," he observes, "has produced some of the greatest and best men that ever lived. To come down to our own times, has not the metropolis of New-England witnessed a sublime example of christian virtue in a Catholic bishop? Who, among our religious teachers, would solicit a comparison between himself and the devoted Cheverus? This good man whose virtues and talents have now raised him to high dignities in church and and state, who now wears in his own country the joint honors of an archbishop and a peer, lived in the midst of us, devoting his days and nights, and his whole heart, to the service of a poor and uneducated congregation. We saw him declining, in a great degree, the society of the cultivated and refined, that he might be the friend of the ignorant and friendless; leaving the circles of polished life, which he would have graced, for the meanest hovels; bearing, with a father's sympathy, the burdens and sorrows of his large spiritual family; charging himself alike with their temporal and spiritual concerns; and never discovering, by the faintest indication, that he felt his fine mind degraded by his seemingly humble office. This good man, bent on his errands of mercy, was seen in our streets under the most burning sun of summer, and the fiercest storms of winter, as if armed against the elements by the power of charity. He has left us, but not to be forgotten. He enjoys among us what to such a man must be dearer than fame. His name is cherished where the great of this world are unknown. It is pronounced with blessings, with grateful tears, with sighs for his return, in many an abode of sorrow and want."

The Language of the Brute creation.—It has been much disputed whether the brutes have any language whereby they can express their minds to each other, or whether all the noise they make consists only of cries inarticulate, and unintelligible even to themselves. We are, however, too little acquainted with the intellectual faculties of these creatures, to be able to determine this point. Certain it is that their passions, when excited, are very generally productive of some peculiar cry, but whether this be designed as an expression of the passions to others, or only a mechanical motion of the muscles of the larnyx, occasioned by the passion, is what we have no means of knowledge. We may, indeed, from analogy, conclude, with great reason, that some of the cries of beasts are really expressions of their sentiments; but whether one beast is capable of forming a design, and communicating that design by any kind of language to others, is what we submit to the judgment of the reader, after giving the following instance, which, among others, is brought as a proof of it, by Farther Bourgeant: "A sparrow finding a nest that a martin had just built standing very conveniently for him, possessed himself of it. The martin, seeing the usurper in her house, called strongly for help to expel him. A thousand martins came in full speed and attacked the sparrow; but the latter being covered on both sides, and presenting only his large beak at the entrance of the nest, was invulnerable, and made the boldest of them repent their temerity. After a quarter of an hour's combat, all the martins disappeared. The sparrow seemed to think he had got the better, and the spectators judged that the martins had abandoned their undertaking. Not in the least. In a few seconds they returned to the charge, and each of them having produced a little of that tempered earth with which they build their nests, they all at once fell upon the sparrow, and enclosed him in the neast to perish there, since they could not drive him thence!" Can it be imagined that the martins could have been able to hatch and concert this design, all of them together, without speaking to each other, or without some medium equivalent to language?

Roman Antiquities in Holland. The government of Holland are engaged in excavating, at a place called Ahrenburgh, the remains of an ancient villa or town, probably Roman. A learned professor has been sent to superintend operations which are carried on by sixty laborers. A letter from a gentleman in Hague, to his friend in London, has the following paragraph:—

"The most interesting thing I observed was a human skeleton of a female, in the highest preservation of which the Professor gives the following account:—'The most extraordinary discover of all is that of a skeleton, the uppermost half of which has been found perfect in its original position. It appears to be that of a female, and is lying with the head towards the east. The left arm is in a position with the hand upon the stomach, as if it were supporting a garment; the right hand rests upon the bosom. Upon the throat, between the clavicles, is a clothes clasp *(fibula)* of the shape commonly used by the Romans. On the left wrist is a double bracelet, and upon the left breast two loose clasps were found. The head and the elbows rest upon loose pieces of bricks. This discovery is the more remarkable, as the body lies whithin the circumference of the building, near to the best preserved *hypocaustum* of the central parts. There are some slight indications that ash urns were also there.' The impression it left on my mind was, that it was the remains of some person of distinction, who had died a violent death—most probably by the fall of a building; and I am much inclined to think, from the sandy appearance of the soil, and the immense quantity of household ornaments daily dug out, that it was some Roman station, overflowed in the third or fourth century by one of those calamitous visitations which mark the history of Holland from immemorial time. The place was perhaps dependent on, or may have formed part of, the *Forum Adriani*, which Adrian is known to have established near the Hague, supposed close to the village of Voorburg, which is very near the ruins I have been mentioning. Your classical readers will not forget the account of that Batavian (Soranus) who lived at this period, and whose dexterity exalted him, having shot an arrow in the air, to follow it with another, and shatter it in pieces before it fell."

From Centinel Feb. 13. 1793. Died — at Long Ashton (Eng). the Rev. Henry Caner aged 93 - a very respectable character, many years minister in the Chapel Church in this town. When (says an English paper) the American Revolution took place, he was obliged to relinquish the ministry, his Country & his profession & took refuge in England, where he has since lived distinguished by a serenity of mind, & cheerful submission to the various vicissitudes of life.

Hampole's version of 95th ps.

Comes, glad we to our Lorde, joy we to God our hele.

Before occupy his face in schrifte, & in psalmes joy we to him.

For God is grete Lorde, & Kynge grete abooven alle godder.

For in his hondes are all the endes of earthe, & the heghnesh of hilles is his.

For of hym is the see, & he made it, & the drye his hend schope.

Comes, lout we, & falle we, & grete we before our Lorde that made us, for he is our Lord God.

And we folk of his pasture, & Shepe of his hende.

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